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Members explain reasons

TORONTO —

The Beth Tzedec members who joined in a class action in the Supreme Court of Ontario, naming nine members of the board of governors as defendants, have issued a statement in which they claim the step they took has been misunderstood.

"We regret this misunderstanding very much," the statement given to **The Canadian Jewish News** said. "It is not our wish to reinstate the rabbi (Stuart Rosenberg). What has happened lies in the past and cannot now be undone, however badly one might wish it were not so.

"Rather we would wish to look to the future. This dispute among us has set father against son and brother against brother. It must be brought to an end. We wish for peace. We wish for healing to take place. We wish to cause or to actually bring about a settlement of the rabbi's claims against the congregation. We wish to restore the standing of the congregation with the Rabbinical Institute. We wish once again to have Beth Tzedec recognized as the leading Conservative congregation in North America.

"It is our belief that settlement is unlikely to be achieved so long as certain of the directors of the congregation could be in a position where it is possible for them to put the protection of their own personal self-interest ahead of the interests and needs of the congregation. The congregation needs a prompt settlement. The congregation needs to have this problem put in the past and needs to work constructively towards the future.

"We believe that the claims against the synagogue and the claims against the board members must be separated. It is this conflict of interest we protest. All we ask is that these directors acknowledge their conflict of interest and relinquish their control of the litigation of the settlement with the rabbi to those other members of the board who have no such conflict. Our desire would be that the Clarkson Company only have responsibility for the conduct of the litigation and the effecting of a settlement with the rabbi if these directors will not recognize their conflict of interest."

Entertainer Buddy Hackett gazes at the Prime Minister's Medal presented to him by Bonds World Chairman Sam Rothberg (right). Looking on is George Cohon, Bonds Canadian national chairman, who brought comic here. (L. Hausman)

Gala night brings record in purchase of Israel Bonds

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

George Cohon, Israel Bonds national chairman, proudly billed it as the largest single fund-raising event in the history of Canadian Bonds. He was not exaggerating. By the time the gala evening had ended, $3,200,000 worth of Bonds had been purchased.

Monday night's "Salute to Israel" at the O'Keefe Centre featured American entertainers Buddy Hackett and Eddie Fisher. They alternately shocked and regaled a capacity audience of 3,200 with racy jokes and sentimental song favorites of the '50s and '60s.

Earlier, at a trustees' dinner, Bonds World Chairman Sam Rothberg predicted that the Ford Administration will exert "tremendous pressure" on Israel in the next 90 days in an attempt to wring a compromise settlement on the Middle East.

"The U.S. Congress will be watching what the Jews do," he said, hinting that the Jewish community must close ranks with Israel and demonstrate its unabashed and unstinting solidarity with Jerusalem in order to ward off undue diplomatic pressure from the White House and the State Department.

Rothberg, who has been involved in Bonds campaigns since its inception, remarked that the U.S. is "broiges" — angry — with Israel because of the failure of the Kissinger mission. But he expressed the hope that the strain in relations between the two countries would pass.

He warned 238 persons who had pledged to buy at least $10,000 in Bonds this year that Israel cannot afford to experiment with its security for the sake of appeasing the Arabs or the Americans.

Speaking of the crushing defence burdens facing the Israelis, Rothberg appealed for greater efforts at fund-raising.

When he concluded his impromptu speech, Rothberg called Hackett to the podium. Hackett, the roly-poly comic who has performed in every entertainment medium, urged Jews to reach out to their Gentile neighbors and convince them that they should support Israel because it is the only free, democratic nation in the Middle East.

Israeli Consul in Toronto, Shmuel Ovnat, presented Hackett with the Prime Minister's Medal for what he termed "his total commitment" to Israel. The medallion is awarded jointly by the government and the Jewish community.

Hackett, chairman of the entertainment division of the Los Angeles Bonds campaign, has been credited with having raised more than $50 million since the Yom Kippur War.

Later, in the cavernous auditorium, Hackett, making his first appearance here in eight years, delighted and titillated the large crowd with his sexual one-liners and double-entendres. Fisher, who is making a come-back after a long period of inactivity, sang about a dozen songs. Hackett, dressed in a baggy white bath robe, ribbed Fisher about his unsuccessful marriages and his troubled life. But the man who was once married to Elizabeth Taylor and Debbie Reynolds, took all the jibes in good humor.

Fisher was given a Masada award during intermission. He promised to continue working for the welfare of the state.

According to Bonds officials, $6,400,000 has been raised to date. They hope to collect some $22.5 million in the course of the 1975 drive.

CIC plans opening in May of Toronto, Ottawa offices

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO —

The Canada-Israel Committee, criticized in some quarters for alleged inaction, will open information offices in Toronto and Ottawa before the end of May, according to Meyer Bick, director of the Montreal-based organization.

The CIC offices will be set up to provide expertise in the release of information regarding Israel's position in the Middle East. Thousands of well-researched pamphlets and articles are available to any who wish to educate themselves or inform others, Bick told **The Canadian Jewish News.**

In response to questions of concern over the committee's accomplishments to date, Bick said the work of an effective lobby in politics and media is not meant to be highly visible. He acknowledged that concerned people are worried about the effects of widespread Arab propaganda but felt that its impact in Canada is overestimated.

In most instances, he says, the slick, hard-sell information put out by the Arabs is not received positively.

"Historical inaccuracies and blatant lies do not wash with intelligent, sophisticated people," Bick declared.

The need for separate CIC offices in Toronto and Ottawa has been of uppermost concern, Bick said. Finding suitable personnel has been the major stumbling block, but it is now expected to have both outlets fully manned on the opening date later this month.

Locations in these centres are essential for CIC's objectives — presenting to Canadians the most reasonable and objective case for the maintenance of a Canadian foreign policy that will support measures to ensure the right of Israel to live in peace and security as an independent Middle Eastern state, side by side with her Arab neighbors.

Canadian Jews have awakened to the need to help Israel because of their perception of sophisticated Arab propaganda, according to Bick. But since 1948, two principles have been prevalent in the relationship of Diaspora to Israel: financial assistance and the development of Jewish knowledge through instant techniques.

Bick referred to guest lectures and other programs that provide a "turn-on" but not a lasting and easily recallable understanding. "You can't talk to non-Jews unless you know the score," is Bick's point. "You need more than a fact sheet. The task for all Jews in Canada is to talk their Gentile friends about Israel and about their informed concerns."

Bick stressed that all who

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The Arab boycott

Gray is critical of Ottawa

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

OTTAWA —

The Export Development Corporation, a federal government agency, is financing transactions for firms that have agreed to comply with the Arab boycott, Herb Gray charged this week.

"It is one thing for Canadian firms to decided as a matter of their own private business to accept such terms in order to sell to Arab countries," said the former Liberal cabinet minister "It is quite another, and even less acceptable matter for this to be done with the knowing assistance of an agency of the government of Canada. In doing this, it is, in effect, using funds coming from all Canadians."

(Trade Minister Alastair Gillespie has ordered the Export Development Corporation to review contract clauses that require some Canadian companies to boycott trade with Israel).

An outspoken critic of the government since his dismissal from the cabinet last year, Gray was addressing a tribute dinner for Shaarei Shomayim Executive-Director Myer Dorn. He spoke on "Canada-Israel Relations in the Shadow of the Arab Boycott and Petro-Dollar."

He told the about 600 persons in attendance that what the EDC has done may not yet be contrary to any specific Canadian law. "If it is not, it should be," he emphasized. "Even without such a law, this practice ought to be considered as contrary to the general thrust of federal government policy which opposes discrimination on the basis of origin or creed."

To a round of applause, the first federal Jewish cabinet minister said this practice of the EDC "must not continue."

Gray also called for the government to make a firm and specific statement of policy, preferably in a formal way in Parliament, that Arab investment funds are not welcome in Canada if they are

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Kashruth continues at Lincoln Place

TORONTO –

The management of Lincoln Place Nursing Home intends to maintain kashruth after all, according to Emil Tennenbaum, manager of Sharon Construction, the owners and operators of the home.

Tennenbaum was unable to disclose details but said they may be available to the public next week.

"I'm so pleased, it's a relief," said Nachman Shemen, executive-director of the Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

He revealed that Tennenbaum met with Rabbis Henry Hoschander, chairman of the Rabbinical Council of America, Toronto branch, and Gedalia Felder, chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, CJC, last Friday to discuss the whole matter of kashruth at Lincoln Place.

Milton Harris, chairman of the Central Region, CJC, told **The Canadian Jewish News** last week that no decision had yet been made regarding the possibility of Congress funding kashruth at Lincoln Place.

"The question is under consideration," he said.

Report on high kosher food costs to be received by CJC executive

TORONTO —

The long-awaited report on what was termed "blatantly fraudulent practices" in some of Toronto's kosher butcher shops will be tabled by the Consumer Panel on Kosher Prices at an executive meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress early in May, according to CJC Central Region Chairman Milton Harris.

The panel, composed of representatives of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues and chaired by Mrs. Helen Gross, spent four months last year investigating widespread complaints concerning the high cost of kosher food. The report was released to the public last June, and since then the panel has conducted a second major inquiry.

Harris, contacted by **The Canadian Jewish News** last week, said "it is imperative we do something; the community wants action."

Last year's report, received by the religious affairs committee of CJC, said in part: "We believe Jewish housewives should pressure their own butcher stores to take a more realistic line towards pricing of certain items. There should also be greater pressure put on slaughter houses to increase the supply of kosher beef for the Toronto area."

Meanwhile, it was announced in mid-April by Nachman Shemen, executive director of the Congress' Orthodox Division, that the kashruth department "is now considering several applications for supervision, most important of which is that of a new slaughterhouse and meat packing plant."

In his press release, Shemen expressed the hope that these new facilities "will help to reduce the price of kosher meat in the city and vicinity of Toronto."

According to sources, prices are expected to drop by 20% or 30%.

Our Jewish pioneers in those early years well knew the worth of the 'Sick Kids'

This year marks 100 years since the founding of one of the largest and most famous hospitals in the world — The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

To commemorate this important event, **The Canadian Jewish News** *is pleased to present an account of the early years of the hospital from perhaps a special perspective as it relates to child care in the Jewish immigrant community of that period.*

Dr. Fred Weinberg who tells the story, was the associate chief resident of the hospital in 1950 and the first Jew to hold that office. He was closely associated with some of its famous figures in their later years, notably Dr. Alan Brown the father of pediatrics in Canada, and Dr. T.G.H. Drake one of the formulators of "Pablum". He is very proud of his affiliation with the hospital since his student days. Dr. Weinberg is a practicing pediatrician and is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

A CENTURY OF CARE
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A FUTURE OF CARING

By Dr. FRED WEINBERG

"Because I was a Jew, all doors were closed to me." Dr. A.I. Willinsky, one of the first and most distinguished Jewish doctors of early Toronto, thus wrote in his memoirs some years ago.

He was talking about his search for hospital experience in his own home town at the beginning of this century. It is a fact that Jewish physicians did not have an easy time of it then. The general atmosphere in the medical community was against them.

Today in this large metropolitan centre, it is happily a very different story. There is not a single hospital in the city that does not have Jewish medical men on its staff. In fact, many of the leading positions on the University of Toronto Medical Faculty and in its teaching hospitals are held by Jews. They are respected by their own people and by the community at large.

In contrast to the feelings against the Jewish medical profession in those early years, was the more liberal attitude that prevailed then towards Jewish infants and children as patients in the hospitals of the period. And so as early as 1915 if you had been walking on Elizabeth Street just south of College, your eyes would have been drawn to a large sign in Yiddish. It was placed near the entrance to the out-patients department of the Hospital for Sick Children.

Its purpose was to inform Yiddish speaking immigrant parents that medical treatment for their children was available there. Mind you, the sign said that only the poor — "Nor Orime Leit," are taken care of here, but most of the Jewish population of the day qualified for that category. At other than the designated clinic hours, the notice in Yiddish continues, the doors would be locked. It is apparent then that as early as 1915, the year this photograph was taken, (it appears on this page) there was concern for the medical care of Jewish children at this hospital. They were treated there with the same kindness and competence as any of the other young patients of that period.

In general, however, during the early years of the 20th Century in Toronto, parents hesitated to send ailing children to hospitals. Although the city did have a General Hospital since 1812, there were no special facilities for children. Parents would admit them to hospital only as a last resort, and it was usual for these hopeless cases not to come home again. It was no wonder then, that the tender loving care of a mother at home was much preferred.

There were some situations in poor families when children had to have hospital care for social if not for purely medical reasons. If there was no mother or if she was working as a scrubwoman or clerk, the sick child had to be looked after, outside the home. And so we find that in 1874 a group of Toronto women met in the home of Mrs. Samuel Fenton McMaster, at 26 Clover Hill to consider how they could meet this need and help poor children when they became seriously ill.

Mrs. McMaster was the wife of one of the partners in the dry goods importing firm of A.R. McMaster and Brothers at the corner of Yonge and Front Streets.

The family was related to the McMasters who founded the University in Hamilton of that name. The members of this old Toronto family were considered strongly motivated Baptist Christ-

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A mother and her two daughters are about to go into the out-patient department of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Way back in the year 1915 the hospital was located on Elizabeth Street, just south of College Street. The sign near the door informs Yiddish-speaking immigrant parents that only poor children are admitted here.

World News

Business isn't exactly brisk as far as this shelf paper vendor is concerned. In the absence of customers, he sits, half way through eating an apple. (D. Landau)

Home situation is factor

Israel not seeking any special protection at Olympic Games

By CHARLES LAZARUS

TEL AVIV — Despite the great tragedy at the Olympic Games in Munich, where Arab terrorists slaughtered Israeli athletes, "we don't ask for anything special" in the way of security protection at the Montreal summer Olympics in 1976, says Haim Glovinsky, who is responsible for organizing Israel's participation in international amateur athletic competitions.

"Israel will in no way compromise its participation" in Montreal, because of what happened in Munich; "we will prepare, practise and participate in the normal way," he asserted in an interview.

Although he is reluctant to give his age, Glovinsky is a greying, stocky, assertive man who holds the official title of honorary secretary of Israel's Olympic Committee.

He is also a former Olympic participant — soccer has been his main sport — who has "seen it all" over a period of many years, going back to Olympiads of London, Helsinki, Melbourne, Rome, Tokyo and Munich.

Glovinsky made it clear that Israel's Olympic policy insofar as the Montreal games are concerned is that life must go on normally within the requirements of defence preparations, including army service both active and reserve, and military emergencies.

Which means that while Glovinsky speaks with authority about "normal" preparation and participation in the 1976 Montreal Olympics, a renewal of fighting in the Middle East would effectively monkey-wrench Israel's Olympic plans and presence.

Glovinsky, who is also a member of the Asian Games Federation Council, disclosed that the organizing and planning for Israel's participation in the Montreal games in two years, started after the end of the Asian Games in Teheran last fall.

"It is too early to say," he said, "exactly how many Israeli athletes will be present in Montreal, nor the extent of our participation in the program of events. Much would depend on the situation at home, and financial considerations, of course."

What is not too early to predict, however, is that despite Glovinsky's assertion of confidence in the security planning for the Montreal games, and his unwillingness to insist on special treatment or precautions, it is hardly likely that details of numbers of Israeli participants nor their billeting while in Montreal, will be widespread public knowledge.

"We will take part," he said, "within the normal procedures" in Montreal, and Jim Worral (head of the Canadian Olympic Committee) has promised that everything will be suitably organized. We have great confidence in Canada's security ability and the RCMP is a good police force. It is not necessary for the Israeli athletes to be treated differently from anyone else."

Israel's forte at the 1976 games, it appears, would be based largely on team effort, including such sports as football, basketball and volleyball, with individual concentration in the track and field events.

Israel's Olympic liaison with Canadian Olympic officials at this time is largely through the "attache", in Montreal, appointed as required by the International Olympic Committee.

A member of an Orthodox group sprays advertising poster with black paint. Organization wants to rid Israel of what it considers pornography.

Argentina is the target of Arabs for a campaign of anti-Semitism

Buenos Aires [JCNS] — Arab emissaries in Argentina are pressing both fascist elements and pro-Soviet and pro-Chinese extreme left-wing supporters to mount anti-Semitic campaigns in all parts of the country, Dr. Nehemias Resnitzky, the president of Daia, the representative organization of Argentine Jews, told a press conference here.

Warning that the campaign was camouflaged as anti-Zionist, Resnitzky pointed out that it was Arab tactics to pick its particular right-wing or left-wing allies according to the time the political climate was judged most suitable for the success of that line of attack. The broad strategy was aimed at instilling hatred of the Jews in the mass political movements and in the universities where future leaders were expected to emerge.

At least until the end of last year, it is known that the Arab League, the Syrian ambassador and other Arab ambassadors maintained fruitful links with the university administration. **The Voice of Palestine,** the Arab League's organ, published an interview with Dr. Eduardo Salas, a leader of the cultural acitivities in the university administration, in which he emphasized the benefit of promoting even closer links with the Arab world.

These circles have also paid tribute to Dr. Ottalagano, who is well known as an anti-Semitic fascist supporter.

Resnitzky also gave warning that officials delivered anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist speeches at the opening of Palestina Street in the important town of Rosario, some 200 miles north-west of Buenos Aires.

Israeli air force supply chief is arrested on bribe charge

TEL AVIV, [JCNS] — The arrest of Brigadier-General Haim Yaroni, supply chief of Israel's Air Force, on suspicion of taking bribes, has been announced. General Yaroni, who was later freed on bail, was supended from duty two weeks ago. Eight Defence Ministry men, including electronics department officials, are suspected of being involved in fraud and bribery following police investigations of ministry contracts said to run into millions of Israeli pounds. The electronics department officials concerned are alleged to have funnelled ministry orders from the United States through a company they established.

The detention of two senior Israeli Defence Ministry officials suspected of accepting bribes was announced earlier. Three prominent Israeli businessmen were held on suspicion of offering bribes in return for preferential treatment.

Tel Aviv magistrates' court last week banned news of the police inquiries and individuals said to be involved after the independent daily **Haaretz** reported that the bribery allegations concerned Amnon Avni, the owner of a Kiryat Gat hydraulic engineering firm; Joseph Marshak, who owns the Hatahof company; and Yohanan Rafiah, an industrial agent.

The arrest of General Yaroni was announced after the ban on the publication of names had been lifted. Until his suspension he was responsible for impoortant Defence Ministry purchases and the charges are beleived to cover a period of four or five years.

According to informed sources, Defence Ministry officials placed large orders with firms without the customary procedure of first asking for tenders. The sources also alleged that the Defence Ministry officials attempted to mislead the investigators.

Recognize Conservative rabbis: NRP member

JERUSALEM [JCNS] — A leading member of the National Religious Party has said he is not opposed to the full recognition of Conservative rabbis from America administering congregations in Israel. However, he declared: "Reform Judaism as it is practised in Europe and America is not possible here," Avraham Melamed, the party's Knesset whip and one of its most influential middle-generation leaders, was quoted as saying in an interview in the daily **Jerusalem Post.** The Conservatives, he said, are certainly entitled to support from the Ministry of Religious Affairs (something enjoyed only by Orthodox communities at present). "The Ministry supports Samaritans and the Karaites, doesn't it," Melamed was quoted as saying.

Washington pressure?

Israel said considering new peace proposals; Russia makes offer

TEL AVIV, [JTA-JCNS] — The possibility of Israel making new proposals to the Arabs for a Mideast peace has surfaced in the wake of the Washington visit of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. After his meeting with Prime Minister Rabin and cabinet ministers, it was announced that there would be a review of Israel's policy position.

It has not been disclosed what message Allon brought back from his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, but there are reports that the U.S. is stepping up pressure on Israel for new peace initiatives designed to salvage something constructive from the stalemate which followed the collapse of the Kissinger efforts at mediation.

A new development was the Russian offer to guarantee the existence and independence of Israel — the clearest promise yet from the Soviet Union. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said in Moscow that three conditions are attached to the Russian offer: withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, restoration of Palestinian rights including their right to independent statehood and firm guarantees for all states in the region.

Gromyko said the three conditions must be the basic aims of the Geneva Middle East conference. He reaffirmed Soviet support for a resumption of the Geneva talks and also repeated the Kremlin's view that the Palestine Liberation Organization must attend the talks on an equal footing with other delegations. Israel has refused to negotiate with the PLO.

Allon said his meeting with Kissinger was the beginning of a renewed dialogue which would be continued between the U.S. and Israel. He told reporters that he had expressed to Kissinger Israel's desire to keep up the diplomatic momentum and the view that there was still room for a settlement with Egypt.

"All the options are open," Allon declared.

Meanwhile in Washington, there is a feeling that President Ford's re-statement of the long muted American policy of "even-handedness" in the Arab-Israeli conflict is almost an invitation to the Arabs to harden their position.

These observers also felt that the president's reference to the inevitability of another oil embargo in the event of another Middle East War, clearly encouraged the Arabs to employ their oil weapon to force the U.S. to apply stronger pressure on Israel for territorial concessions.

The president told three CBS reporters that he would not make any commitment on a meeting with Prime Minister Rabin "until we are further along in our reassessment" of U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Ford added that three "options" now exist. One is to resume the "suspended negotiations without making a commitment to go to Geneva." Another would be to "go to Geneva and try to get an overall settlement — which is a very complicated matter. People advocate it, however. But," he continued, "while you are going through this negotiation for an overall settlement, as a third option, you might have an interim negotiated settlement between two of the parties, such as Israel and Egypt."

While the president said, "We have not made any decisions yet," it appeared to observers that the third option is the one the U.S. still hopes to achieve, prior to making firm diplomatic, military or economic commitments to Israel.

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Cut in education fees won't result next year from school integration

By PATRICIA RUCKER
(Second of two parts)

TORONTO –

Discussions between the North York Board of Education and the Board of Jewish Education of Toronto regarding possible integration of Jewish day schools into the public system have been going on since last September. The North York Board recently queried the Ministry of Education on issues that come under provincial regulations with a view to setting up a pilot project for the coming school year.

In last week's issue of **The Canadian Jewish News**, a resume of a 90-minute interview with Ben Schneider, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, covered some of the implications of integration in areas such as admission policies and school hours.

This article, which concludes the report, focuses on issues such as tuition fees and teacher certification. The answers given are a summary of the conversation and not direct quotations.

Question:

Has a pilot project been approved? Why should we go ahead with one?

Answer:

Not yet. North York is now asking for ministry approval of such a project, involving Bialik and two of Associated's three branches (the Powell Avenue branch is outside North York). We would be irresponsible if we went ahead with integration without a chance to test it out first.

Q: How will integration affect tuition fees?

A: It will not affect fees next year. During the period of the pilot project, which is experimental, the schools involved must be financially secure.

By the next year, when we can see where we're going, we can sit down and begin to work out a rational tuition figure for that part of the program that doesn't get public support. It will probably take about five years to arrive at a definitive cost.

There are a lot of factors to consider: inflation is one; the huge debts all schools carry and which must be reduced, is another.

Parents should not expect an across-the-board reduction. The first to get relief will be those paying the full fee. Those who are receiving scholarships, will not have their fees lowered until the full fee drops lower than what they are actually paying.

Q: If a school decides to opt out of the public system, will it risk losing Welfare Fund subsidies?

A: If a school, for good and responsible reasons, and after a fair trial period of, for example, a year finds that it cannot operate within the North York system, we would hope that it would continue to be subsidized. However, the Welfare Fund has not yet approved a policy on this issue.

(As this issue of **The CJN** went to press, we learned from reliable sources that the officers of the Welfare Fund have recommended that a special committee be formed to meet with the schools to discuss this matter.)

Q: Our principals require a very special mix of religious, cultural and secular training that very few Ontario-certified principals presently have. How will we be able to keep the people we need and, when necessary, hire suitable replacements?

A: The North York submission has asked, first of all, that principals presently without Ontario principal's certification be given seven years to secure it. Secondly, it asks that appointment of principals with "parallel or equivalent" qualifications be permitted.

The need for Ontario certification may be a real incentive for the development of a first-rate program leading to a B. Ed. in Jewish studies, such as the one we'd like to see come into being at York. Then our young people can train for careers in Jewish education right here.

Q: How will any teachers who presently do not hold Ontario certification be able to qualify?

A: They would also have a period of grace – probably two to three years.

Q: Many of our schools do not have classrooms large enough to meet present Ontario standards. Their size also makes it impossible, in some cases, to reach the pupil-teacher ratio set by regulation. Can we continue to use these schools?

A: There are two ways to attack this problem. First, we anticipate a period of adjustment during which we use what we now have; however, any future buildings would conform to present regulations.

Secondly, the North York Board has asked in its letter to the ministry that the parents be permitted to pay for additional teachers beyond the prescribed pupil/teacher ratio in those schools where small classrooms create difficulties.

Q: How will parents be kept up to date on what to expect in their children's schools.

A: The individual schools have the responsibility of keeping their parents informed. Anyone who has questions should get in touch with the school their children attend.

Three Calgarians receive 1975 brotherhood awards

CALGARY —

The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews recently announced the three recipients of their 1975 human relations awards. All three are Calgarians.

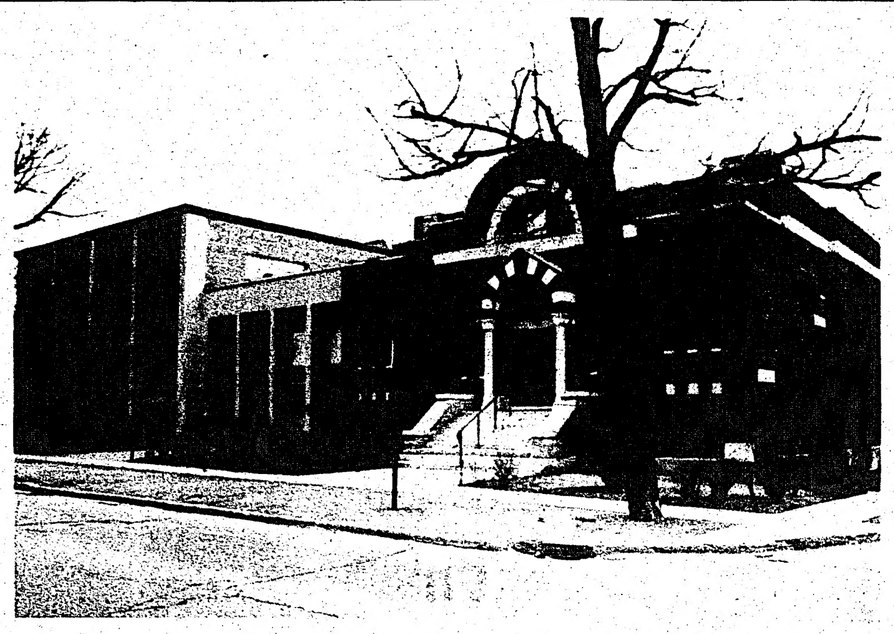
MacLean E. (Mac) Jones has been active in the community life of Calgary, senior partner of the law firm Jones, Black, Gain and Laycraft.

Most of Jones work has been with the Calgary Public School Board, with which he spent two years as chairman. He was also chairman of the board of governors of the University of Calgary, for a number of years he served on the Calgary Police Commission, co-chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Western Region.

Morris Ted Riback, a resident of Calgary since 1930, has been an active community contributor and leader throughout his career.

While a member of B'nai B'rith, Riback developed the B'nai B'rith Camp at Pine Lake, acted as chairman of the building committee to construct the Beth Israel Synagogue and the Calgary Jewish Community Centre.

D.P. (Danny) McCullough, president, Maclin Ford, a man who not only has run a very successful business in Calgary but one who has devoted himself to community service.



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B'nai Israel anniversary

Fifty years of service

ST. CATHARINES —

The oldest and largest synagogue congregation in the Niagara Peninsula, B'nai Israel, will celebrate its 50th anniversary May 9 to 11.

The synagogue has a membership of approximately 140 and has been led by Rabbi Dr. Israel Freedman for the past 14 years.

There are an estimated 503 men, women and children in St. Catharines claiming either a Jewish religious or cultural heritage. The figure has remained fairly static over the last 25 years.

The anniversary weekend will be marked by special services May 9, featuring Cantor Kellin of Toronto. There will be a banquet and dance the following evening and the unveiling of a monument May 11 to the memory of the six million who perished in the Holocaust of the Second World War.

Despite the relative smallness of the population, the congregation and Rabbi Freedman have been able to maintain regular daily services. The community also sustains at least five major fraternal and auxilliary groups — a Synagogue Brotherhood and Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith groups for men and women, and Hadassah. A youth group is also active, through United Synagogue Youth.

The Jewish community, through various service groups, has been very active in providing assistance to the Norris Wing, St. Catharines General Hospital, Burgoyne Arena and numerous other local projects. It also has one of the highest per capita rates of contributions in Canada raising funds for humanitarian causes in Israel.

The first official records of a Jew being present in St. Catharines was in 1855. He was identified only as "Hofeller" who came from Germany and opened a tailor shop on St. Paul Street. However, he moved to Buffalo and the first permanent resident was Phillip Ginsberg who arrived in 1888 and became one of the three founding fathers of the Jewish community along with R.I. Friedman and Aaron Needle.

During the Second World War, 55 members of the Jewish community entered the Armed Forces. Two lost their lives.

'Give until it hurts,' Granovsky's message

WINNIPEG —

Jewish community response this year to unprecedented Israeli, local and global Jewish needs, must be based on a capacity to give that exceeds all previous standards, Phil Granovsky, immediate past president, United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, told division chairmen and key canvassers of Winnipeg's 1975 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign.

"Give not only what you feel you can, but until it hurts just a little bit," is the message to get across this year, Granovsky advised the Canvassers' Institute in Shaarey Zedek Synagogue according to **The Western Jewish News.**

He pointed out that contributors have responded magnificently in the past without affecting in any way their standard of living, but the challenges facing the Jewish people today required a greater response than ever before. It was equally important that the response reflect the feeling of interdependence and concern Jews have for one another.

"We're all in this together," he declared. "The Jewish people are one. Thank God for that."

Granovsky said it was difficult to set priorities between local and overseas causes; it was essential to support fully the requirements of both areas of Jewish concern. "Without Jewish education in our communities there would be no Jews to follow us. Without our campaigns there could not be a viable Israel."

Campaign general chairman Sam Galpern outlined drive objectives for the 150 enthusiastic campaign volunteers who attend the Institute.

He said the overall objective was for a minimum 25% increase in total giving but in many cases contributors should consider whether this is sufficient in light of their capacity to give.

Outlining local and national needs to be met by the campaign, Morley M. Globerman, president, Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, stressed that figures of approved requirements "have been reviewed again and again, vetted and scrutinized by the Community Council executive and the budget and allocations committee. These are the rock bottom, minimum local requirements."

He pointed out that 70.6% of campaign funds allocated to local agencies has been earmarked for Jewish education, but that this was by no means the total cost to the community for Jewish education as an equivalent sum was being raised through the schools themselves.

Reply to Kaplan

Ottawa is negotiating with UN on whether to admit PLO delegates

TORONTO —

External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen, in a written reply to MP Bob Kaplan (Toronto York Centre), says the Canadian government is presently negotiating with the United Nations on whether PLO representatives should be permitted to attend a UN crime conference here in September.

Kaplan put the question to the minister last month. He asked MacEachen if there "are...provisions in existing agreements relating to the...congress... which in the opinion of the government prevent it from denying entry to Canada to representatives of terrorist organizations..."

In his reply, MacEachen said "it will not be possible to provide a definitive answer to the above question" until negotiations have been completed.

"Meanwhile," he added, "the honorable member may rest assured that the government is giving the most careful attention to the problems implicit in his question."

In other developments the Law Society of Upper Canada, governing body of the 8,000-member Ontario legal profession, has informed the organizers of the UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders that they cannot meet in Osgoode Hall because of the presence of PLO delegates.

Stuart D. Thom, the society's treasurer, said in an interview that the Law Society has received no reaction from the PLO or any Arab states to date.

He refused to say whether the decision to bar the Palestinians was a unanimous one. According to reports, the decision to withdraw the invitation was taken two weeks ago following an emotional 1½ hour meeting of the society's benchers. Jewish benchers reportedly "put forward vigorous protests" that it would be "a very unhappy thing" if the PLO was allowed to participate in the two-week congress at which more than 2,000 delegates from 130 nations are expected.

Meanwhile, it has been learned that the International Association of Chiefs of Police will not participate in the congress. The association said it was withdrawing because of its "strong opposition to the presence of the PLO and other groups which resort to the illegal expedients of terrorism and political kidnappings."

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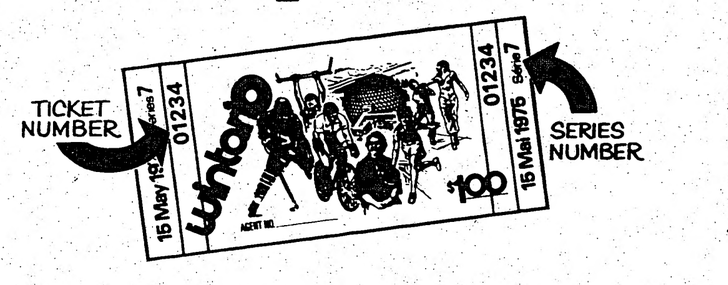

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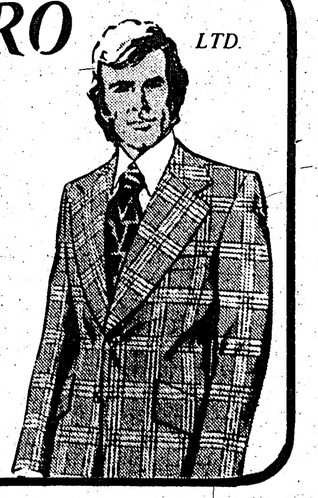

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Kfir is milestone in arms industry as state strives for self-sufficiency

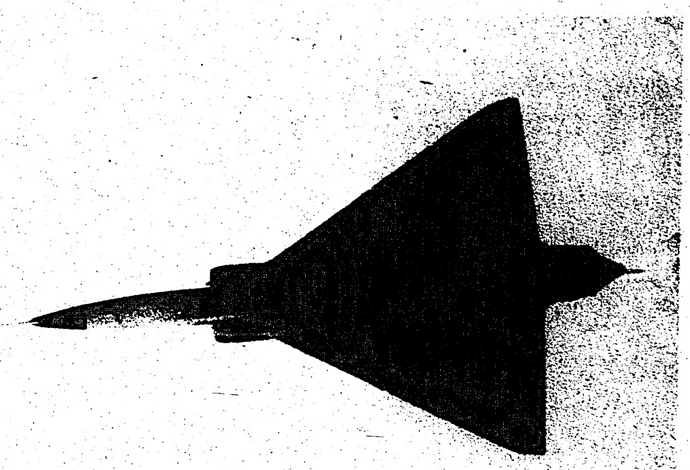
Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin called it a technological creation combining "Jewish wisdom, the beauty of French design and the power of American engines." He was, of course, referring to the Kfir — Hebrew for Lion Cub — the first locally-manufactured jet fighter produced by the burgeoning Israeli arms industry and undoubtedly its greatest achievement to date.

The $4 million Kfir is similar in design to the delta-winged Mirage-5, and is driven by the General Electric J-79 engine which powers the American Phantom F-4, probably the most awesome plane presently in the Israeli Air Force. Capable of attaining a supersonic speed of Mach 2.2, the Kfir is said to be in a class with the latest versions of the MIG-21, the mainstay of the Egyptian and Syrian Air Forces. Maj.-Gen. Benyamin Peled, commander of the Israeli Air Force, claims the Kfir has less bombing capacity than the twin-engined F-4 but is "equal or superior in other areas" which he did not specify.

Although the spidery and frail-looking Kfir was officially unveiled only in mid-April, on Independence Day, an earlier, less sophisticated model was used successfully during the Yom Kippur War. Its achievements notwithstanding, however, the Israelis can hardly rely on the Kfir because of the advent of an entirely new generation of American and Soviet jets.

Moreover, the Arabs have already obtained MIG-23s, which are supposedly faster than Phantoms or Kfirs. In an attempt to match Arab air power, Israel asked the U.S. for a squadron of the latest American jet, the F-15, but negotiations on the sale broke down following the failure of the Kissinger mission in the Middle East.

Despite these disclaimers, the appearance of the Kfir — the innocuous-sounding Lion Cub — is truly a milestone in the Israeli arms industry. It points up the fact that Israel can, if necessary, produce 50% of its weapons requirements should U.S. military aid be slashed as a result of political considerations.



The Kfir (The Young Lion), made its debut on Israel's Independence Day. Sitting in first row (from right) are Al Schwimmer of IAI, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin. (Sun)

Israel VIP's turned out to see the spectacular debut of the country's newest fighter plane – the Kfir. Israel Aircraft Industries produced the single-seat combat aircraft.

Israeli-Arabs are no longer docile as nationalist fervor on increase

The Israeli Arabs, long considered a docile minority, are beginning to raise their voices for the first time since the creation of modern Israel. A wave of nationalism has swept over their backwater rural communities as a result of the Yom Kippur War and the legitimization of the PLO at Rabat, and two recent incidents highlight this phenomenon.

When Premier Rabin addressed several hundred high school students in the Arab sector of Nazareth, hostile questions and catcalls transformed an informal debate into an angry row. In another incident, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin was hooted by Arab students during a lecture at Haifa University when he criticized those who supported Yasser Arafat and the PLO.

No one who is acquainted with the record can deny that the Israeli Arabs have not made economic, educational and social gains since 1948. Regrettable, Arabs and Jews have failed to form personal ties. And furthermore, although they enjoy complete equality under the law and are eligible for all public positions, security considerations — and tradition — have consistently barred them from top civil service posts. As well, no positions of authority in either the Labor Party and Histadrut are held by Arabs. Ian Lustick, writing for the Jewish Student Press, says "the Arab sector is perceived by these Jewish groups in terms of security, votes, cheap labor and international opinion." Perhaps the most disquieting problem is that Arabs who receive their training in engineering and the sciences find that jobs in industry are essentially closed to them in Israel. Consequently, they are forced to choose between school teaching and emigration.

But Arab shortcomings are also to blame for this state of affairs. Israeli officials argue that the gap in services — water, roads and electricity, for example — between Arabs and Jews is due not to a shortage of public funds, but to the low level of Arab tax collection and the incompetence of Arab local councils dominated by traditional leadership. These officials, furthermore, contend that hamula quarrels (hamulas are family units) interfere with the development of municipal services. (Interestingly, Yehoshua Palmon, who was Ben-Gurion's advisor on Arab affairs, has disclosed that his office took advantage of hamula rivalries in order to recruit candidates for Mapai-affiliated Arab Knesset lists. This, he said, grew into a more or less permanent policy, which strengthened the power base of the old-line leaders and thus blocked any trends toward social development).

Sadly, the Israeli Arabs are in the unenviable position of being thought of as Arabs by Jews and as Israelis by Arabs. It is a discouraging situation because it pits them against two competing nationalisms. It seems that as long as the Arab-Israeli dispute continues to simmer there will be no simple solution to the problems and dilemmas confronting the Israeli Arab community.

Grand dame of Yiddish theatre should find Tel Aviv appreciative

Despite her Academy award-winning bravura performance in **The Shop on Main Street,** English speaking audiences have neglected Ida Kaminska, the great Yiddish actress who has amply shown she is just as capable in English as in her mother tongue. To their discredit, Westerners have simply overlooked the woman who is generally considered to be the most proficient Yiddish actress of her time.

Ida Kaminska was born into the theatre, the daughter of Esther and Abraham Kaminsky, leading Polish-Yiddish actors. With the outbreak of World War II, the Kaminsky's left their home base in Warsaw, but returned as soon as the German invaders were driven out. In 1946, a year of exceeding hope, Ida Kaminska established the famous Jewish State Theatre.

In the intervening years, Ida Kaminska secured a lasting reputation for herself, as her name became forever associated with Yiddish theatre at its very best. But in 1968 her sparkling career was shattered as a result of the official government-inspired anti-Semitic campaign which forced the majority of Polish Jews to emigrate.

Full of optimism and good cheer, she immigrated to the United States in an attempt to salvage her broken career. Yet for one reason or another, she was unable to find steady work or suitable roles. Last month, Ida Kaminska, 76-years-young, announced she and her actor husband, Meir Melman, were going to Israel to join the newly-formed Yiddish Theatre in Tel Aviv. Will this brave and resilient woman succeed? We certainly have no reason to believe she will not regain her old self-confidence. Neither do we think that she will fail to impress the large Yiddish-speaking colony in Tel Aviv.

Interestingly enough, Ida Kaminska's final performance in North America prior to her departure was aired on CBC-TV recently. In a one hour, one-woman show, she movingly portrayed Nadezhda Mandelstam, the courageous wife of Osip, the poet who was silenced by Stalin in the 1930s. We had the pleasure of watching this luminous broadcast, and we came away with the impression that Ida Kaminska had lost none of her prodigious ability to project the deepest and full range of human emotions.

We trust that the people of Tel Aviv, unlike those in the West who were indifferent to her, will appreciate the presence of Ida Kaminska, the grand dame of Yiddish theatre.

Jacob Eisen left no immediate family but left all inspired with his humanity

Jacob J. Eisen, who died last week, was a true and faithful servant of his people. From his days in Edmonton in the 1920s and 1930s, his service in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and his tenure as an assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, he built up a reputation for gentleness, understanding and warmth of personality that had few equals in Canada.

An American by birth, he made Canada his home and identified himself completely with his adopted country. The high point of his life's activity, when his talents as a pastor, guide and counsellor were best utilized and were most appreciated, was his period in the RCAF during World War II when he was the senior Jewish chaplain of the air services. He served in the remotest outposts of the armed services, bringing with him a word of comfort, a touch of home and a spiritual dimension which reached the serviceman and servicewoman.

"Jack" Eisen left no immediate family but he did leave an expanded family throughout Canada, a family he inspired with his humanity and his warm Jewish presence.

Wide variety of people found in Israel makes life there fascinating, says writer

By RUTH SELIGMAN

JERUSALEM —

It is very possible that I like Israel for the wrong reasons. I'm fascinated by the variety of people who have found their way here, who live out lives which on the surface appear so ordinary, but which put together reflect the many facets of the puzzle which is Israel.

One doesn't have to go far to find them. Take my neighbors, for example. They are neither heroes nor heroines. Yet, behind almost everyone is a story of a life lived under great stress and strain, but lived with a surface calmness that can only be regarded as remarkable.

There is Miriam and Haim for example. He is an accountant; she once taught school. Today, their two sons are grown up and she is busy being the "adopted" mother of a new settlement on the Golan Heights where her oldest son lives. He had done his army service in Nahal, that branch which combines military duties with work in an agricultural border settlement. He fell in love with the heights and elected to make his home there. Ask him if it is dangerous up there and he laughs off your question with a typical sabra shrug.

His mother bakes an endless supply of cakes and goodies for the young settlers of his settlement. She is the unofficial hostess for those who have to come to "town" on business. Her house is the settlement's home away from home — and it is well used.

Miriam has a younger son, serving in the regular army "down south." "Yes, we're geographically very well-represented these days," she jokingly notes. "North, south and centre." There are good odds that her youngest will follow in the steps of his older brother and also settle on the land — in a dangerous frontier settlement. What makes these boys — and girls too — from established, comfortable homes go off to live in relatively primitive conditions. Perhaps, in this young struggling country of ours, the spirit of pioneering is not dead, contrary to what some critics try to point out.

Some of my neighbors have lost relatives in one of the various wars and "non-wars" which mark our constant fight for survival. Two lost brothers in the War of Independence, but this I only discovered recently. I've lived here for almost two decades now, but so much of my time has been spent in the mundane tasks connected with raising a family that conversations have usually been limited to our children's health, their progress in school and the high cost of living. Yet, today, these women, now mothers of soldiers, reflect on the past. It has an unfortunate way of protruding into the present and future. They speak neither with fear nor gloom, but with an apparent calm that constantly impresses me.

To the left of us live another family whose lives are inextricably wound up with the history of our country. He was a high-ranking officer in the regular army for many years. Now, he works for one of the larger automobile agencies, she is a secretary. Their son is in the tank corps; their daughter is a teacher in a development town. A typical family? Who knows if such an animal exists. Once during the Six Day War, we got to chatting about the past and I discovered that both of my neighbors had been ex-Palmachites. She'd been a runner, concealing weapons under her skirt. I'm intrigued by the tales she tells, of the searches and scares, of the long nights guarding and the ordinary days spent at high school, of a life which combined routine with the unusual.

One of my neighbors originally came from Russia. He had a brother who had been killed in the doctor's purge there many years ago. Two years ago he succeeded in bringing some of his family out, out from bondage into freedom. The talk about the Russian aliyah assumes a vivid reality when you meet a family of Russian immigrants, when you hear what they have gone through — and when you hear it in a neighbor's house.

Israel is essentially a land of immigrants and those on my street are no exception. We've representatives from practically every country. The lilt of those from Hungary mingles well with the German, Rumanian, French, Polish and English undertones of the Hebrew we all speak, but with the accent unique to our native homeland. Once, when asked from where most of us came, I couldn't give a single answer. We have those who escaped from the Holocaust, some who fled from behind the Iron Curtain, others who came voluntarily from the Western countries and a good mixture of real sabras whose parents and grandparents were born on Palestinian soil.

The real old-timers can tell tales of what it was like to have grown up in the Old City of Jerusalem, or in Safad or Tiberias. We, the relative newcomers who have come since the establishment of the state, sometimes forget how much Jewish existence there has already been here. In Israel one doesn't learn Zionist history from a text book. One hears about it first hand. It adds an extra dimension to the mere act of living here.

Scientific research may further reduce dependency on imported food products

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Last year Israeli farmers produced 78% of the foodstuffs consumed in this country, as well as exporting enough agricultural products to pay for most food imports. Now, with the active assistance of local researchers, they are attempting to further reduce Israel's dependence on imported food products, particularly commodities like wheat and sugar which have gone up in price by hundreds of percent in recent years.

Nechemia Meyers

Research has already been a key factor in raising the average per acre yield of wheat from some 900 lbs. in the 1950-55 period to over 1,600 lbs. today, with yields of 6,000 lbs. per acre common in more fertile parts of the country. Current studies could well increase output even more.

Some of the most interesting work is being carried out by Weizmann Institute scientists Moshe Feldman and Dan Atsmon, who are using sophisticated techniques to transfer valuable characteristics from native Israeli wild wheat to standard wheat varieties.

Since this part of the world, long known as the Fertile Crescent, is the cradle of wheat farming, it naturally abounds in wild varieties. And while these are not satisfactory for modern farming themselves, they nevertheless manifest some very interesting characteristics worth "stealing".

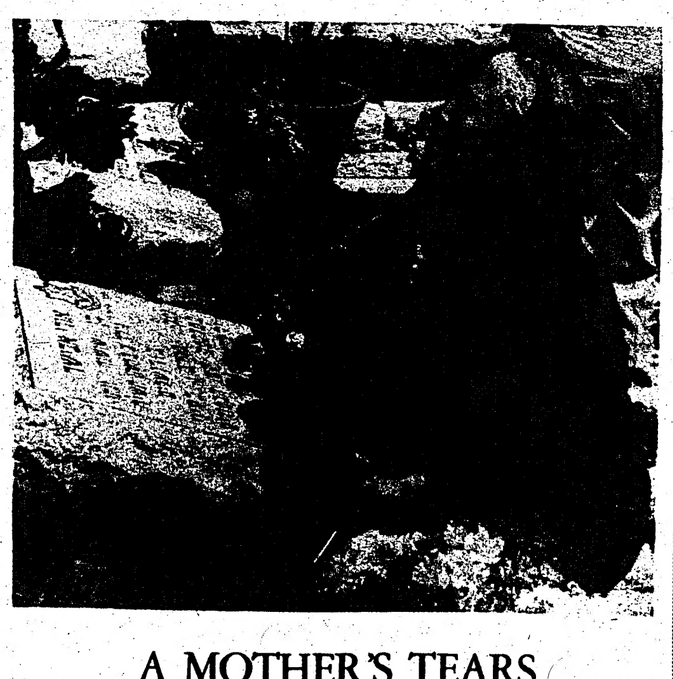
Drs. Feldman and Atsmon are paying special attention to several species from the Negev Desert, which interest them because they can grow in an area with as little as nine inches of rainfall annually, tolerate brackish water and are quick-growing and maturing plants — so much so that were cultivated wheat as fast ripening, it would be possible to plant and harvest two (irrigated) crops a year.

The Weizmann scientists have isolated seven individual chromosomes of the Negev wild wheat, including the one responsible for its early maturation. Now they are attempting to selectively incorporate these valuable chromosomes into standard wheat varieties, which should make it possible to increase yields in well-watered areas, and also permit wheat to be grown in other areas where sparse rainfall has so far prevented its cultivation.

Sugar production is being boosted by the planting of more sugar beets and, at the same time, research continues in an attempt to develop other economically viable sources of sugar and of sugar substitutes. Ministry of Agriculture studies have indicated, for example, that at present price levels it is worth making sugar from locally-grown sorghum. One factor which strengthens the case for sorghum is that the grain is harvested later than sugar beets, so that it can be processed at a time when local factories would otherwise stand idle.

Meanwhile, scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev — led by Prof. Jaime Wisniak — are concentrating on sugar substitutes, including something with the improbable name of xylitol. So far produced on a commercial basis only in Japan, xylitol is derived from vegetable residues such as cotton seed hulls, corn and other seeds containing cellulose. It has the same crystalline form as sugar and is actually 10% sweeter. Since it does not require insulin for metabolization of body material, it can safely be used by diabetics.

Wishniak proposes that Israel produce xylitol on a large enough scale to meet domestic requirements and to allow for exports. He is encouraged by the fact that Ben-Gurion University students given the sweetener at a recent party were unaware they were using a sugar substitute rather than the real thing.



A MOTHER'S TEARS

A scene witnessed every day in Israel. Mother weeps on the grave of her son at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl outside Jerusalem. (IPPA photograph)

ask the rabbi

No real basis for superstitions but certain logic may be discerned

1. What is the basis of the strangely superstitious Jewish belief that certain days or numbers are lucky?

Does superstition generally have a "basis"? I doubt it. There may be discerned a certain logic in some superstitious practices but one can hardly expect to find adequate reasons for what after all is irrational.

The best book on the subject is Joshua Trachtenberg's Jewish Magic and Superstition (New York, paperback edition, 1970).

The best-known lucky day is said to be Tuesday because in the creation narrative at the beginning of the book of Genesis, Scripture states that God saw that it was good and this is repeated on this and on no other day. Other days with "lucky" properties are the beginning of the month and the beginning of the year.

But it is interesting in this connection that the Jewish teachers say that the honey and other sweet things on Rosh Hashanah should not be understood as a kind of magical practice to sweeten the year but rather as a psychological aid, an attempt to begin the New Year in the spirit of confidence and hope.

Certain numbers are less seen as magical than as sacred, a very different thing. The obvious example is 10, the number required for a minyan, the number of the Commandments, the number determining the amount to be given when tithing.

Another sacred number is seven, with its relevance for the Sabbath, Shavuot, purification rites, the Sabbatical year and the year on which the Hebrew slave was given his freedom.

In many ways the most sacred number of all is one, representing the unity of God.

This may be the reason behind the belief that odd numbers are lucky while even numbers are dangerous. Odd numbers are indivisible and thus represent the divine unity far more than even numbers do.

This is why there is a belief that one should not eat food in pairs, e.g. two apples and so forth.

There is an old tale about a rabbi who said that he did not know what to do. He could not eat three kreplach on Shavuot because that would be greedy. He could not eat only one because that would not satisfy him. Nor could he eat two because two is an even number.

His friend hit upon the solution which you have no doubt guessed. He advised the rabbi to eat one but it should be the size of two.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appears to be in a pensive mood as he attends a memorial service for the soldiers who have fallen in Israel's four wars with the Arabs. Chief Chaplain, Aluf Mordechai Piron (left) and Chief of Staff Gur stand beside him. (IPPA photo)

Contact with non-Jews is more difficult than in past despite social advancement, U.S. professor of Judaic history says

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
North American Jewry has made admirable strides in the last 40 years, but today Jews have more difficulty maintaining open and intimate individual relationships with non-Jews than in the past.

This is the contention of Dr. Martin A. Cohen, professor of Jewish history at the New York School of the College-Institute. Cohen, an ordained rabbi, was here recently to deliver two lectures on the future of North American Jewry at Holy Blossom Temple.

In an interview at the Inn on the Park, Cohen said that despite their success and acculturation into North American society, Jews generally and not infrequently "experience difficulty in participating fully and openly" in non-Jewish society. He ackowledged that there is less occupational discrimination today than before World War II. Yet he also stressed that among upper and lower middle class Jews, the feeling persists that integration with their Gentile peers is becoming increasingly harder to achieve.

Asked to explain the apparent contradiction between this phenomenon and the prominence of Jews in all aspects of Canadian and American life, Cohen said North American society is now more highly structured along "lines carrying a religious tag." He remarked that upper class Jews, unlike in the past, will not so easily assimilate into Gentile society because the social system is far more formalized and restrictive than in the earlier days of North American history.

Dr. Martin A. Cohen

Cohen said the long-range implications of this trend toward greater solidification is that Jews will find "social fulfilment" within their own communities. He emphasized, however, that this does not mean Jews and non-Jews will no longer socialize.

In fact, he continued, the intermarriage rate will probably continue to climb. But intermarriage hardly spells the demise of the Jewish community, he added, because it is often accompanied by conversion and creation of Jewish homes.

Cohen observed that anti-Semitism in North America "is certainly a threat to take seriously."

Postulating that anti-Semitism is a function of disorder and unrest, which the U.S. is currently experiencing, Cohen asserted he has great faith in the ability of his country and indeed in the West to emerge from the revolutionary changes it is undergoing with a healthy and essentually unimpaired democratic society.

He scoffed at the notion that present-day America is comparable to Weimar Germany. "We have the material and political resources to bring about change and have established democratic political traditions," he said.

And he added with a laugh, "No pogroms are coming."

He said it is unlikely that a Jew can become president of the United States because prejudice "is deeply rooted against Jews and Catholics."

And he dismissed the idea that the electoral power of American Jews can influence U.S. policy in the Middle East to any important degree. "By themselves Jews don't have the strength to overturn policy, though they can be influential in areas where there are alternatives."

Cohen was asked to assess the state of the relationship between American Blacks and Jews.

"Within another 15 years there will be a return to a fine symbiotic relationship," he said. By that time, the process of displacement of Jews by Blacks will have been accomplished, and serious competition between the groups will no longer be based on purely racial lines.

Let new Haggadah pay tribute to pioneers of our Jewish mosaic

By J.B. SALSBERG

[Last, at last, of New Haggadah]

Let us, finally, fill our fourth, the last, of the four cups consumed at the seder. But before we drink let us praise those of our pioneers who constituted the beautiful people of their day.

Among the most pathetic and unhappy of our fathers and grandfathers who came from Eastern Europe before the First World War were those old-world Orthodox men who were determined to continue their "old country" way of life within the new, strange, Canadian cultural setting.

The secularists, the radicals, and even the less rigid, religious practitioners, found it possible to build the framework for a new Jewish society in their new home. Most of their newly formed organizations and institutions built bridges to connect them with non-Jewish bodies and groups that expressed ideas and outlooks similar to theirs.

But the undeviating orthodoxy of our forefathers could not do that. The non-Jewish world around them remained largely outside of their concern and they also isolated themselves from the new, the "American Yiddishkeit" concepts. They were alienated from both. They accepted their isolation stoically, painful though it was, and strove to build their own small encampments, transplantations of their old world, within the larger Jewish settlements that grew in strength all around them.

The unhappiness of many of those pious men was made even more acute by their separation from their wives and children, who were left behind in the old country. A large percentage of those uprooted men had yet to decide whether they would remain in America and bring their families here, or whether they would "return home" because one cannot live a satisfactory Jewish life in "treife" atmosphere.

In the meantime, hundreds of them were roomers or borders. (Some set up simple, co-operative housekeeping places in which two or three close friends conducted their strictly religious way of life). But most of them sat at other people's tables, day-dreamed of their own families and drank their bitter cup of loneliness in silence. They sought solace and forgetfulness in their favorite shul or shteeble.

Let us praise the memory of those consistent and dedicated forerunners of our community.

Then there were the many high-minded and self-sacrificing men and women of the earlier generations, known as the Jewish secularists. Some of this influential sector had elevated labor the earning of one's livelihood by one's own hands or brain — to a principle, an article of faith. They, and others less concerned with the labor principle, aimed at the total restructuring of Jewish social and cultural life.

Men and women of this dynamic camp dedicated themselves with an almost religious fervor, to the creation of ambitious networks of secular institutions. They built new types of schools, founded a Yiddish press, theatre, music, literature and a multitude of organizations and popular movements, (unions, fraternal organizations, etc.) to advance their new goals.

Let us also recall and honor their pioneering efforts in the shaping of a distinctly Jewish mosaic in this country.

Last, but not least, let us pay our highest tributes to the memories of our mothers and grandmothers of earlier, pioneering years when we were all new in this land. They were the unsung heroes of the rooting and blossoming periods of our community's growth throughout Canada.

Most of them fulfilled the roles of wives, mothers, housekeepers and active co-builders of our new life here at the same time. They worked, side by side with their menfolk in the fields of western Canada; they worked in the clothing shops until childbirth kept them at home; they helped their men, who were often forced to bring bundles of work home, so as to raise the family's income; they fully shared the duties of tending to the tiny groceries, bakeshops, butcher shops, restaurants which were often operated on the ground floors of their residences.

It was our mothers and grandmothers who, in addition to all those duties, kept high the standards of education for their children. They also found time to form countless societies to look after the needy and the sick of our communities and to raise funds for their favorite institutions and movements. Nor did they stay apart from the efforts to help the needy in the "old country" and to religiously drop their coins into the various "pushkes" (collection boxes) for Eretz Yisroel.

Glory, to the memory of those true "women of valor," our mothers and grandmothers, the most meritorious of our pioneering ancestors who contributed so much to what we now have in our communities across the land.

So, let us all rise, with the fourth and last of the four traditional cups of wine in our hands, and with grateful hearts let us drink to the glorious memory of our Canadian Jewish founding fathers and mothers. Lechayim! And may we all live to gather at the seder table a year from now. Amen.

These Bundists get together in a forest near Pinsk in 1905. The Bund was led by Arkady Kremer, an engineer, but in 1901, Vladimir Medem took control of the organization. He severed relations with the Russian Social Democratic party. (Bund Archives, New York)

Relatively short life span of the Bund in Russia did not prevent labor movement from effecting strong and beneficial impact around the world

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —
May Day — Russia — 1905. Strikes that were paralyzing the country spread like wildfire. Among those organizations whipping up enthusiasm to draw attention to the plight of the Russian worker was the Jewish Socialist Bund.

In 1897, the same year Theodore Herzl stood before the first Zionist Congress in Basle, a meeting took place in a blacksmith's house in Vilna. While some of the 15 men present peered out the window for any sign of the police, the rest hammered out the structure and philosophy of the Bund.

An alternative to Marxism (an ideology unpalatable to the shtetls' Orthodox) and, for the most part, an opponent to Zionism (Bundists tended to argue that dreams of a homeland elsewhere weakened one's desire to improve one's existing conditions), Bundism offered a palliative for the working poor.

While trudging daily to the factories springing up within the Czar's vast domain, the Jewish proletariat could look forward only to long hours and low wages. Then, one of the results of the meeting in the blacksmith's house gave them an all-powerful weapon — the strike.

The stealth with which the Bundists moved about the industrial areas, the coolness and open contempt they displayed for authorities, all added exitement to streetcorner gossip and strength to the Bundist movement. Even as members were being carted off to Siberia, more and more Jews flocked to the Bundist banner as strike after strike brought improvements to the habitual kasha diet of the poor Jewish worker.

Under the leadership of an engineer, Arkady Kremer, the movement took root. In 1901, colorful and audacious 24-year-old Vladimir Medem took control and quickly severed all ties with the Russian Social Democratic party, giving the Bund a distinct Jewish character.

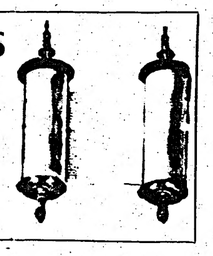
Fired by Medem's "chutzpah" (by then the Bund was playing down its anti-religious bent and giving Yiddish a standing of importance by demanding the state recognize it as an official language), many villages put themselves under total control by the Bund.

But then, in 1914, "the war to end all wars" erupted and signalled the beginning of the end of the Bund. A few years later, the Russian Revolution provided the final blow.

Despite its relatively short life span, the Bund had its effect on history. Many of the thousands of Jews that poured out of Russia at the beginning of the century carried with them Bundist ideas that were to affect trade union movements in many countries. As well, Bundist philosophy, shared by socialists elsewhere, put chinks in the ghetto wall by enabling the Russian Jewish worker to feel less isolated and more a part of the brotherhood of the world's laboring force.

When the Almighty Himself is doctor, it is by far the greatest miracle drug'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Behar- Bechukoty

V'nosatee shalom ba'aretz... And I will give peace in the land — and none shall make you afraid...

Not every medicine comes from the drug store — the greatest miracle drug is when the Almighty Himself is the doctor...

Once Rabbi Nachum of Tchernobel was called to the Torah when the frightening "tochacho" warnings (which are read this week) were read. The sickly and pain-ridden rabbi was nervous at receiving such an "honor". But a strange thing happened.... the reader was the Baal Shem Tov, and as the tzadik read the "curses", Rabbi Nachum felt his pains leaving him, one by one... When the section was done, he was a well man again...(Mee'ginzay Tzadikim)

Why should our loving Father ever curse us — chas v'shalom? But every threat has a blessing in it. For example...G—d warned that things would get so bad that "v'achaltem b'sar b'naychem...you will eat the flesh of your children..." A curse? No! G—d promised when our children grow up and we visit them, their meat will come from a kosher butcher store so that we eat it, and not have to settle for cottage cheese or tuna fish...(Ituray Torah)

The way to make every **tzaros** disappear and earn G—d's blessing is by showing consideration for other people's feelings. Consider...the Torah said — "es kaspecho lo seetayn b'neshech — you shall not give money on **neshech** — interest..." Literally, though, "neshech" means "to bite." But it teaches an important thing. When we lend or give someone money, we have to see there's no "bite". We have to make sure the person we're helping doesn't feel like two cents because we have a sour face... It's not only how much we give, but how we give..."(Rabbi Moshe of Kuvrin)

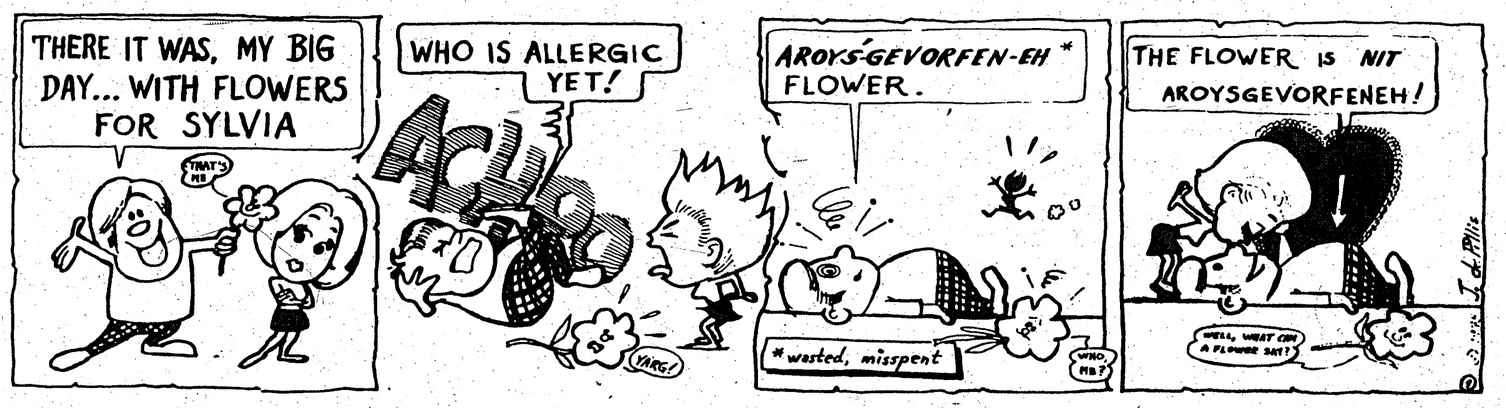
You can't be a "good" Jew and a bad person — if a Jew does not set an example of what a fine human being should be like, then he has a long way to go... That's why we find an interesting thing... When G—d blessed the Jews, He said — "v'olaych es'chem komemeeyut — I made you walk with your heads up..." How is that possible? After all, our rabbis taught that when a person walks with his head up like a big shot, he's driving away the holy spirit — what kind of blessing is this? But the Ribono shel Olam told the Jews, "listen, you have to shape up. When you run after your passions, more food, more drink, more pretty girls...you resemble animals who always have their head down, scrounging the earth for new treats to satisfy themselves with. A Jew should be a **mentch**, with his head up — looking towards heaven trying to find Me — and setting an example for others..."(Mezritcher Maggid)

How can a Jew always keep his eyes upward? When he remembers that someday all of us will be in that great Bathurst Street in the sky — no one stays here forever. When the Almighty spoke to the Jews, He told them — "kee gerim v'toshavim atem eemadi...you are strangers and settlers with Me..." What did He mean? But G—d said, "listen, if you consider yourselves strangers and visitors, that you're just passing through this world...then I will be a **toshav** — I will settle my holy spirit on you. But if you get in your mind that your running the store — then I will be a **ger**, I will be like a stranger to you..."(Ohel Yaakov)

They say that Rabbi Meir Premishlaner could walk down the steepest, iciest mountains to get to a mikveh, without ever slipping. His chassidim asked him how he managed not to fall. The saint laughed — "when you're tied to above, you don't fall below..."(Sipuray Chassidim)

May our enemies turn to friends, and peace reign the land. Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*



The Yiddish Maven cartoon is the creation of John de Pillis, chairman of the mathematics department at the University of California. Comic strips are usually humorous, often philosophical and sometimes educational. de Pillis seems to have accomplished all three in his work. He hopes to acquaint readers with Yiddish. (Religious News photo)

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

REFORM CONGREGATIONS

The Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations Conference of Leadership is scheduled for this weekend, May 2-4. It will focus on the theme **Liberal Judaism Is On The Move In Canada.** Rabbi Jordan Pearlson will be keynote speaker at Friday night services at Temple Sinai. Rabbis Bernard Bloomstone of Montreal's Temple Emanu El, and Gunther Plaut of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, will be guest speakers at the banquet Saturday evening at the Don Valley Holiday Inn. Workshop sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday at the hotel.

HOSPITAL GALA

A gala treasure night and champaigne party has been planned by Mount Sinai Hospital Women's Auxiliary as their annual fund-raising event for medical research. The date is Sunday, May 4, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

BOROCHOV CONFERENCE

Another conference set for May 2-4 is the one being held by the Borochov Movement of Canada which will include a banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Anielewitch Branch on Sunday, the 4th. Conference and banquet speakers will be Chaim Finkelstein, head of the Jewish Agency education and culture department in Jerusalem, and Yehuda Tyberg, journalist and U.S. Poale Zion leader. It all takes place at the Borochov Centre, Codsell Avenue.

ORT BAZAAR '75

Wednesday, May 7, is the date of ORT Bazaar '75 being held at St. Lawrence Market from 10 a.m. to midnight. Along with the general merchandise, there will be a fashion show put on by George Brown College at 1:30 and 6 p.m.

MIZRACHI LUNCHEON

The Mother-In-Israel luncheon, held annually by Toronto Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization, takes place this Sunday, May 4, at noon at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Guest speaker will be Shulamith Wald, honorary national vice-president of American Mizrachi Women. A Mother-In-Israel means making a pledge of $52 a year to symbolically adopt a child in Israel.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Also on Sunday, the 4th, is a wine and cheese party (with folk dancing) held by Centennial Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section. It begins at 8:15 p.m. at Council House.

GERMANY 30 YEARS AFTER

On the eve of the 30th anniversary of VE Day, is Nazism really dead? That is what CBC radio program **Concern** will be asking Wednesday, May 7, at 8:30 p.m. The program is based on London freelancer Keith Chalkely's recent visit to Germany.

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

Judy Feld, chairman of the newly formed Congress Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, has called the first meeting for Monday, May 5, at 8 p.m. in the Beth Tzedec board room. For information call Sam Resnick at the Congress Central Region office.

BARGAINS GALORE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is having a bazaar at the synagogue Tuesday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Featured, among other things, will be fresh fruit and vegetables, a handiwork boutique and a thrift shop.

CHILDREN'S ART

There's still time to catch an art show called Children's Art, running at Patmos Gallery, 6A Church St., till Sunday, the 11th.

It is an exhibit of work done by students of elementary private schools, and the Associated Hebrew Schools has the work of 17 students (grades 1-6) in the display.

ABOUT FAMILY LIFE

The L'Chaim group, for over 50's, is holding their first lecture and discussion Sunday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the north 'Y'. Dr. Sidney Olean, professor of social work, University of Toronto, will discuss **Family Life, Modern Society and You.**

DAY SCHOOL INTEGRATION

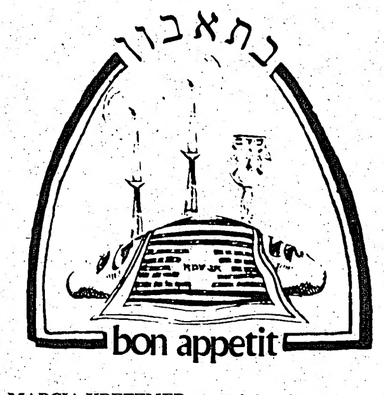
Is there a Future in North York?, a discussion on the implications of integration of Jewish day schools and the North York Board of Education, is being presented by the Parents Association of the Associated Hebrew Schools, this Monday, May 5, at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium, Bathurst Street. Panelists will be Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education; and Saul Koschitzky and Suri Greenberg of Association of Jewish Day School Parents.

SINGLES DANCE

Club Gemini at Holy Blossom Temple is having their first anniversary dance this Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 p.m. at the temple. The dance is open to all singles over 30.

A genuine Israeli, mid-morning meal

For brunch, consider this Arouhat Esser



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Visitors to Israel are nearly always struck by the vast amount of eating which seems to be going on. People walk along the street munching felafel. They eat sunflower seeds, showering everone with the husks as they stand at bus-stops. And of course any bus journey of more than 15 minutes, will precipitate a mini-picnic of bagels and fresh fruit, while in transit.

In banks and offices, clerks will either be sinking their teeth into large, sticky buns — or will have vanished entirely: "He, she has gone to eat," explain the other staff helpfully.

When you visit people in their homes, you will arrive, more often then not, when they are about to sit down to their main meal of the day, no matter how peculiar the hour.

Much of the explanation for this orgy of indiscriminate eating lies in the different varieties of working day in Israel: Some people, in banks, the health services, stores and private businesses, work from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m., and then return to work, after a meal and a siesta, from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Others, in factories, government offices and the public services, start at 7 or 7:30 a.m. and work straight through until 3 p.m. The vast majority of this latter group take their main meal of the day at 3:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.

My parents and parents-in-law, after an initial struggle, have succumbed to these new meal-time habits. My father, returning from work at an hour when most English people are enjoying their famed English teas, has now accustomed himself to soup, a main course of poultry or fish, vegetables, salad and a dessert. However, old habits die hard, and my mother still somehow manages to squeeze in a brief "tea-time" before serving a light supper, which she is still clearing away, late into the evening.

My parents-in-law, eschewing this complicated time-table, managed to hold off for a while. My father-in-law, returning from work would have a cup of tea and a cookie at 4 p.m. and patiently starve until the more dignified dinner hour of 7 p.m.

Unfortunately, so many people dropped in on them for coffee, cake and a chat, just as they were about to begin their meal, that they have now given up, and joined the ranks of afternoon diners.

If you imagine that breakfast, at least, must be immune to variation, you are very much mistaken. Breakfast is perhaps Israel's most moveable feast.

In its unexpurgated form, only vacationers in Israel have the time for it, as it consists of a mighty spread. The variety and ample portions date from the early agricultural settlements of the Yishuv, when settlers rising at 4 a.m. or earlier, would put in dairying and other work in the early daybreak hours. Returning to the settlement at around 8 a.m. they would breakfast on eggs, dairy foods, salads, bread, jam and tea. This arrangement persists in Israel's communal settlements today.

However, the idea of the mid-work break has lingered on in modern urban life, too. Generally speaking, most people have time for no more than a cup of coffee and a slice of bread with jam, before starting work in the morning. Therefore, people working without a break till 3 in the afternoon, tend to take a meal at around 10 a.m., which they call **Arouhat Boker** (breakfast) or **Arouhat Esser** (the 10-o'clock meal).

In some cases, people will make do with snacks until 3 p.m. and shunt the Arouhat Esser-style meal up to the evening. Hence the comment made by a visitor to Israel, that if you close your eyes, you cannot tell whether you are eating breakfast, lunch or supper.

Few people have an official break for Arouhat Esser, but people tend to vanish at that time. Israelis, normally impatient with the needs of the next person, have an enormous respect and reverence for "Eating Man."

They will uncomplainingly join an unusually long line in front of one desk in the post office, because the other clerks are downstairs in the canteen eating their hard-boiled eggs and yoghurt. Someone waiting for service in a gas station will bid the attendent to finish his sandwiches at his own pace, and wish him a hearty "B'Teyavon".

There is a basic format for this meal — call it breakfast, Arouhat Esser, or even supper. But there are some variations based on country of origin. For instance, no Moroccan would be caught dead eating pickled herring, and no Galitzianer would dream of eating those little semolina puddings sprinkled with cinnamon or nutmeg, so dear to the Oriental. Sometimes the meal includes a plate of **humus** (chickpea paste) or **borekas** (savory puff pastry orescents filled with cheese or potato).

Visitors to Israel may breakfast off all these things at the normal breakfasting hour, and are usually pleasantly surprised by the exceptionally high quality of Israeli dairy products, breads and vegetables.

Next time you plan a brunch, consider trading the usual bagels, cream cheese and muffins for a genuine Israeli Arouhat Esser. Here's how:

1. Arrange all the food buffet-style on the table, but have your guests seated, either at that, or at another table.
2. Place on the table pitchers of fresh orange or grapefruit juice and large platters of chopped mixed salad, made with diced, unpeeled tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, scallions and parsley.
3. Salads of finely shredded carrots, drenched in orange juice are also a mainstay of Arouhat Esser, as are avocados, sliced or mashed.
4. Provide baskets of sliced, black, white and rye breads and rolls. And see to it that the bread is freshly-baked and crusty.
5. Use a great variety of dairy foods: plain, unflavored yogurt, light sour cream, full-fat cream cheese, pressed cottage cheese and thin slices of a yellow cheese such as Kosher Munster. Provide pitchers of milk as well.
6. Scatter the table with several small dishes containing schmaltz herring, green olives, tiny, pickled eggplants, and apricots or plum jam.
7. When guests are seated, offer a choice of eggs: hard or soft boiled, fried, scrambled or cooked in an omelette.
8. The variety of yogurts and sour creams are either mixed in with salad, herring or chopped, hardboiled egg, or eaten on their own as a last course, with a spoonful of jam.
9. Serve strong, freshly-ground coffee or tea without milk.

B'Teyavon!

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Dinner planned to honor retired library director

TORONTO —

Rabbi Israel Frankel, recently retired director of the Jewish Public Library, will be feted Thursday, May 29 at a dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation starting at 7 p.m.

"There is no doubt that the library has flourished under his guidance for 19 years, said dinner chairman Morley Pape. "The library is now an established centre for Jewish learning in Toronto."

During his years as library director, Rabbi Frankel has helped attract 13,000 card holders and thousands of people — young and old, scholars and laymen, Jews and non-Jews — have benefitted from his erudition and guidance.

As a scholar, he equipped the library with books in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, covering every phase of life from the Jewish point of view.

Born in Poland and son of the Strelisker rabbi, Rabbi Frankel receive his smicha at the age of 21. He managed to escape the Nazi Holocaust and settled in Dublin where he obtained his doctorate at Trinity College in that city.

He arrived in Canada in 1950 and served as executive-director of Ontario Mizrachi for five years. In 1956, he joined the public library where he still remains as a consultant.

Rabbi Israel Frankel, recently retired director of Jewish Public Library, will be feted on May 29.

Shul is broken into

TORONTO —

Vandals broke into the Beaches Hebrew Institute (Kenilworth Avenue Synagogue) Friday, April 18 and made off with sefer torahs, breast plates and two embroidered velvet table cloths, reports Steve Taylor, director of youth services, Canadian Jewish Congress.

The thieves, who have yet to be found, entered the synagogue by breaking the lock on the back door. They ransacked the sanctuary and smudged glue over some of the windows. They also tossed from 10 to 15 books across the length of the floor.

Anti-Semitism was not the motive for the break-in, Taylor said. "It had nothing to do with anti-Semitism," he explained. "Two nearby churches were also broken into on the same weekend."

Taylor, a member of the synagogue, said the worth of the stolen religious items was minimal, but he stressed the synagogue attached great sentimental value to them.

Police Constable George Smith, who is investigating the case, said fingerprints were taken from the various places the thieves touched in their rampage through the synagogue. He said he had no idea how many persons participated, but speculated that two were involved in the theft.

Taylor expressed concern over the break-in because he says it set back his efforts to promote youth work in the synagogue. He explained he will not continue his work unless the synagogue "is secured."

...about people

Yehuda Rosenman

If you want to learn all about the Academy for Jewish Studies Without Walls, here's your chance — **Yehuda Rosenman** of the American Jewish Committee, who devised this program for mature students, in conjunction with Haifa University, will be giving a rundown of all the courses at a meeting at the Inn on the Park Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. And philosophy professor **Michael Wyschogrod** of University College of New York will be on hand to discuss the course he gives — **Judaism and Christianity.** The evening is being hosted by **Milton Harris,** chairman of Congress Central Region.

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Dr. Ernest Lehmann, chairman of the board of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, is to be guest speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Montreal's Chateau Champlain Thursday, June 5. Chamber president **Ray D. Wolfe** will be chairman of the event and Israel Ambassador to Canada **Theodor Meron** will be presenting awards to leading Canadian importers, agents and distributors of Israeli goods for their efforts in promoting and introducing these products in the Canadian market.

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Beth Sholom Brotherhood's annual Humanitarian Award goes this year to the people of Amsterdam, and the burgomeister of the city, **Ivor Samkalden,** will be receiving the presentation on their behalf at a dinner at the synagogue Thursday, May 8.

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Freelance publicist **Linda Shapiro** had a hand in the national launching of **Saturday Night** magazine which returned to the stands last week, after suspending publication last October for lack of funds. Ms. Shapiro, who did PR work on **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz,** leaves for the Cannes Film Festival early this month as part of the Canadian team sent over by the Secretary of State to publicize Canadian film entries.

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Labor Zionist Alliance National Executive Vice-President **Dr. Jacob Katzman** of New York will be in Toronto over the weekend, May 3-4, as guest of the local organization. On Saturday, he will be at the Melaveh Malka at 8:30 p.m. at their centre on Viewmount Avenue, and on Sunday he will address the Toronto city committee at a breakfast meeting.

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Torontonian **Genya Intrator,** vice-chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, was in Montreal last Wednesday to join Allied Jewish Community Services President **Charles Bronfman** and McGill University professor **Seymour Epstein** in an all day program set up by the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund. The program, **In The Middle East — In Russia — In Montreal,** was for campaign workers.

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Following the recent elections of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, **Michael Stroh** of Temple Har Zion is president, succeeding **Albert Pappenheim** of B'nai Israel Beth David. **Herbert Feder** of Beth Tikvah is vice-president and **Kenneth Tarlow** of Beth Am is secretary-treasurer.

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Canadian author **Mordechai Richler** has a new book off the press. But this one is for children. It's called **Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang,** and is dedicated to his own five children — Daniel, Noah, Emma, Marfá and Jacob. The publisher is McClelland and Stewart.

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Guess who came to the Seder? Would you believe **Marlon Brando?** It seems the noted actor, accompanied by folk-singer **Bob Dylan,** turned up, unexpectedly, at the congregational seder at Hollywood's Temple Israel. He delivered the Kiddush (an English interpretation) and later, during the evening, remarked that one of his first theatre roles was with **Paul Muni,** touring in a theatre presentation to raise money for the Irgun.

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Prof. Irwin Cotler, of McGill University Law Faculty, and head of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, will address the "Mother-In-Israel" luncheon on Monday, May 12th, 1975 at the residence of Mrs. Malka Levi, 4530 Circle Road in Montreal.

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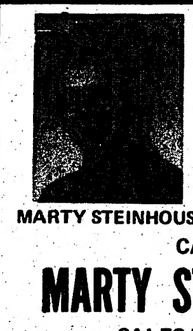
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SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION MAY BE A MATTER OF ATTITUDE

By RUTH SELIGMAN

"There's something wrong," said my new neighbor, a newcomer from the States. "Everything is going too well." Prepared and forewarned by others of bureaucratic red tape, of teenagers' inability to adjust to school, of housewife 'blues' for the lady of the household, he is fascinated by how well his settling — in is going.

Actually, as one analyses their situation, it is really not all that rosy. True, their 15-year old son, now in his second year of high school, is keeping up with his class, helped by a crash course in Hebrew which the municipality sponsored and which he attended. However, there is also a private tutor in the picture, a private tutor for geometry because no-one had ever told this family that both geometry and algebra are studied in the first year of high school in Israel. "It's a shame," says the father. "Lenny just had algebra in the States so now he's missing the geometry we could have given him this summer and then he wouldn't have to be burdened with additional tutoring lessons, along with his regular school studies."

Another family would have been furious for not having been told of this vital gap in their son's education. These people aren't. They do not really understand why the principal forgot to tell them. "We sat with him last June when we arrived," notes the father. "He was most helpful, looked at Lenny's report card, but forgot to tell us about the geometry — but then," he adds philosophically, "everyone makes mistakes."

Asked about his work, the father will also answer calmly and easily, "Fine, just fine." In truth, as his wife points out, he is working at a much lower level than he did in the States, at a job where there is less interest and responsibility and where his talents are far from being utilized. Yet, neither he nor his wife complain. The father hopes that eventually he will be moved to a more meaningful position. But he accepts the current situation. "It will take time for the company to find out about me," is all he will say.

His wife admits that shopping and keeping house in Israel takes longer than it did in the States. She hasn't yet discovered the Israeli habit of an afternoon nap and reaches evening exhausted but not discouraged. She accepts the longer hours she must devote to shopping and cooking, accepts the fact that there are less canned and prepared goods than she had in the States and admits that washing tiled floors is harder than vacuuming the wall-to-wall carpets she once had. She accepts with grace her new life — and this may be the key to successful settling-in.

There are always two ways of looking at a situation. This family could see the negative aspects, but they concentrate on the positive. They find their neighbors friendly, but it is mainly because they themselves are such warm and open people. They enjoy the fun of shopping in the open-air markets and we enjoy taking them and they delight in "riding a bus and seeing it filled with people from every conceivable cultural, ethnic and linguistic background and knowing that they are all Jewish."

Another family — in their exact situation — could find much about which to complain. They don't. They are patient and positive souls, and these are virtues which ease the settling-in process.

"We came to live in a Jewish State which we knew wouldn't be Paradise," laughs the mother. "We know that all changes are traumatic, that everything takes time, but we're not 'instant Americans,' who, like their instant coffee and instant tea, want instant integration. We're prepared to wait, to give us and the country a chance."

ISRAEL RECRUITS MORE SOCIAL WORKERS

After the recent successful completion of a one year orientation program for qualified American educated social workers in Israel, recruitment for a second course is under way. The program is intended for candidates who hold a masters degree in social work and are planning to settle in Israel. The course will take place in Natanya, located on the Israeli coastline and participants will enjoy special benefits and partial pay during the course. The upcoming program, commencing September 1, 1975 will last ten months.

Israel has at present hundreds of job openings for social workers. The supply of graduates from Israeli universities does not meet their needs. This special orientation program is therefore aimed at filling the pressing shortage.

The first four months of the study program will be devoted to intensive study of the Hebrew language. Concurrent with the Hebrew studies, lecures will be offered on Israel's society, political make up, cultural set up, economy, demography and social services. Participants will go on field trips in order to get acquainted with social services facilities. Meetings will be arranged with potential employers and participants will be offered a choice of field placements. In the fifth month, participants will be eased into the social services in the areas.

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Tour Ve'aleh's 5 sub-departments make it a comprehensive service for information regarding Aliyah.

A. PILOT TOURS SERVICE

Tour Ve'aleh, in cooperation with representatives of other services, both governmental and non-governmental, encourages persons from abroad not only to visit Israel and meet its people but to make a thorough investigation of settlement possibilities. The tour is recommended for people who intend going on Aliyah in the near future. Experience has shown that absorption was much easier for those Olim who made contacts while on Tour, and got jobs, business or apartment ready for their Aliyah. The program for the tour is based on seminars, professional meetings, and gatherings with Olim who have been living in Israel for several years. The fare and accomodation are paid for by the tourist. **Tour Ve'aleh** participates in organizing the tour. There are three types of pilot tours:

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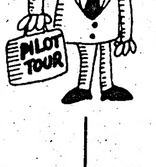

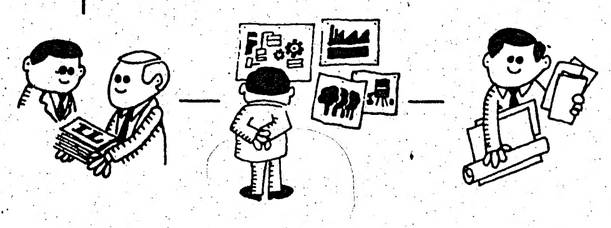

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This section of **Tour Ve'aleh's** economic department receives a continuous flow of up-to-date business information from a variety of sources, both public and private. The information is distributed to potential investors in the U.S. and Canada through the Israel Aliyah Center representatives.

If the investor is interested in a particular business, **Tour Ve'aleh** will conduct a further check as to the availability of the enterprise under current conditions.

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C. FINANCIAL SERVICE

This department advises potential Olim of the banking and financial institutions available in Israel to help them in transferring their capital there.

D. PLANNING OF ECONOMIC PROJECTS

In addition to receiving information of existing enterprises, **Tour Ve'aleh's** research experts are on the planning bodies of many of the economic projects throughout Israel. Thus, they not only receive first hand information regarding new projects, but also aid in shaping these new enterprises to cater to the needs of Olim.

E. GENERAL TOURIST INFORMATION SERVICE

The purpose of this service is to establish contact with tourists who visit Israel by the thousands every year and to give them information on Aliyah opportunities. In addition, this department directs persons who have specific questions (e.g. investments, housing, absorption, etc.) to the appropriate source of information. Watch for our displays in most of the major hotels in Israel or come visit us at one of our offices.

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May 5	Beth Tikvah Synagogue, "Dr. A. J. Heschel," Rabbi H. Feder, lecturer, at 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:30 p.m.
May 5	Canadian Jewish Congress T'nach Study Group, "Yoel, Chapter 2," Mr. S. Frankel, lecturer, at 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
May 6	Academy for Jewish Studies Without Walls, with Yehuda Rosenman and Prof. M. Wyschogrod, introducing the Academy's program, at Inn on the Park, 1100 Eglinton Ave. E., 8 p.m.
May 12	Beth Tikvah Synagogue, "Dr. A. J. Heschel," Rabbi H. Feder, lecturer, at 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:30 p.m.
May 19	Canadian Jewish Congress T'nach Study Group, "Yoel, Chapters 3 and 4," Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, lecturer, at 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
May 25	Beth Tikvah Synagogue, "An Evening of Music with Srul Irving Glick," with Beth Tikvah Choir and the Chamber Players of Toronto, at 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:30 p.m.
May 26	Lubavitch Youth Organization, Third Lubavitch Chassidic Song Festival, with Theodore Bikel, at Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
May 29	Jewish Public Library, Testimonial for Rabbi Frankel, Dr. Sidney Hoenig, guest speaker, at 470 Glencairn Ave., 6:30 p.m.
May 29	United Synagogue Day School, Concert with Chava Alberstein (Israel), at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.

Don't tire in your efforts to assist Soviet Jewry, pleads released activist

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — Soviet Jews need us now, more than ever.

Viktor Polsky, physicist and Russian-Jewish activist recently released from the USSR, speaks English slowly and carefully. He wants to make sure that everything he says is understood, because his message is important.

Last Sunday, he brought that message to 200 Torontonians active in the movement to help Soviet Jews. His visit, part of a North American tour, was one of the highlights of "Solidarity for Soviet Jews" week.

"Don't tire," he told them. "Soviet authorities now try to create feelings of isolation. They say 'Your friends in the West are now tired; they have their own troubles. Now we can do what we want with you'."

Polsky stressed the need to restore telephone communications from the West to Jews in the USSR. Recently, more than 150 telephones were disconnected, cutting off one of the most important sources of emotional support.

His audience, which included members of Women for Soviet Jewry, the Toronto Student Council for Oppressed Jews, the Group of 30, and the Soviet Jewry Committee of Congress, had received invitations in the form of a Soviet internal passport, ordering them to appear at Adath Israel synagogue.

His address was actually a public interview. Polsky and his wife Elena were questioned by Sam Filer, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of Congress, and Bert Raphael, a member of the Canadian Council of Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry.

They asked him what effect letters and demonstrations had had on his case. (Polsky, a leader for six years of the Soviet Jewish movement for free emigration, was tried on charges arising from an automobile accident a year ago. He was eventually fined and then allowed to leave with is family).

"The fact that I have the opportunity to speak with you today is the result of many, many people who have spoken out on my behalf," he answered. "Every intervention on my behalf changed things."

Viktor and Elena Polsky know that they are lucky to be free. One of the Soviet tactics of intimidation is the apparently random way in which exit permits are issued.

Polsky explained that there is no logic behind the decision to allow one activist to leave but to imprison another. "They keep a representative group as a warning — a scientist, a translator, a worker, an Intourist guide.

This means that every Jew who applies for an exit visa may find himself in this position.

"Activists never know when they can go. It is terrible. It is a life in limbo, without social contacts, without a job, indefinitely."

Conditions for Soviet Jews have grown worse recently. Emigration has slowed from a peak of 3,500 a month in 1973 to only 800 last March. Prosecutions no longer involve purely political offences; such as publishing anti-Soviet propaganda, but now focus on economic crimes, such as bribery, black marketeering, and extortion.

Another speaker, Jerry Goodman, who is executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in the United States, believes that these changes indicate a determination to crush the emigration movement.

Soviet authorities no longer arrest groups of leaders, who can draw support from each other, but instead go after isolated individuals scattered all over the USSR. Economic crimes arouse less protest in the West, Goodman pointed out. "The Jew becomes the stereotype."

Jeanne Baker, a Boston criminal lawyer active in efforts to aid Soviet Jews through the Soviet legal system itself, added that such crimes are harder to defend. She admitted to some anxiety that briefs filed with Soviet authorities by her group, headed by Professor Telford Taylor of Columbia University, may have prompted the Soviet authorities to shift ground.

But all three participants felt that the benefits gained from outside pressure far outweigh the risks.

Girls dominate Bible contest

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Winners of Ontario Regional Bible Contest get together with Dr. Alexander Brown (left), associate director, and Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Front row (from left) are: Rhona Levin, Bialik; Rosy Feiner, Associated; Sarah Wolfe, Eitz Chaim; Raizy Turin, Eitz Chaim; and Tobi Hendler, Eitz Chaim. Second row (from left): Paul Rosen, Temple Sinai; Raizy Hendler, Eitz Chaim; Adrienne Schwartz, Eitc Chaim; Leah Witty, Eitz Chaim, and Zipora Shekel, Associated. Not shown are Bernard Shuchat of Yeshiva Or Chaim and Ilona Hayeems of Bialik. National finals will be held on May 5.

Over 60 youths participated in this year's Toronto Bible Contest, co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and the Canadian Zionist Federation. Participants were students of grade six and up at the following schools: Associated, Eitz Chaim, Bialik and Temple Sinai.

Alexander Brown, associate director of the Board, chaired the awards ceremony at the Zionist Centre last week, at which time those who participated in this year's contest were recognized, and the winners awarded prizes.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the BJE (and, along with Brown, co-chairman of the Regional Bible Contest), stressed in his introductory remarks that in a contest of this nature, where young people are encouraged to study the Bible, there are really only winners, and no losers.

Ronald Heller, chairman of the pedagogic committee of the BJE, and Ralph Shiff, chairman of the educational and cultural committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, brought greetings on behalf of their respective organizations.

All participants were then presented with either book or money awards by Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, director of education of Congress.

This year being International Women's Year, there may be some significance to the fact that of the 12 winners, 10 were girls.

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"It's better to know how to fire a rifle and not have to use it than have to use it and not know how," Jewish Defence League chairman Al Applebaum told a group of about 30 USYers at Bnei Israel Beth David Synagogue last Sunday morning.

Applebaum encountered particularly strong opposition from two of the members of the USY chapter, Shlomo Tanen-Zapf and Carey Zionce, who said later that while they are not opposed to the end — the idea of Jewish defence — they do not appreciate the means and methods of protection employed by the JDL.

Also present at the program, representing the Jewish Defence League, was Joseph Shachter, JDL youth director.

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On Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 p.m., the USY chapter at Beth Tzedec Synagogue will present for the general public the musical **Hello Dolly**, under the direction of Rabbi Richard Marcovitz.

Tickets will be on sale at the door.

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Bnei Akiva invites the community to celebrate Jerusalem Day with them, at their annual Neshef Yom Yerushalaim, to be held at Associated Hebrew Schools on Bathurst Street, on the evening of Thursday, May 8.

Festive prayer services will begin at 8 p.m. and at 8:45 there will be a program including flag ceremony, choir, audio-visual presentation on "Jerusalem in Peace and War," the Or Chaim Band, and guest speaker Rabbi Morton Green of Hamilton.

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Five Canadians studying at Ohr Somayach - the College of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem's Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Centre - get together with former Torontonian, Rabbi Nota Schiller. Shown with him (from left) are H. Oliver and I. Schechter of Montreal and R. Fine, J. Moldovsky and B. Danzinger of Toronto. Jerusalem Post praised "the spirit of intellectual inquiry" at the Jerusalem yeshiva.

Student heads for science fair with prize-winning bread box

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — When Howard Black goes to Quebec in May there'll be some lima beans in his luggage, a somewhat battered philodendron, another houseplant or two, some bobby pins and a mysterious-looking box that is now a "plant response detector" but which once served very sensibly as a bread-box. Also, a neat and tidy cardboard display with well documented scientific data and explanations.

Howard, you see, is a scientists and if you've ever wondered what sort of stuff the real backroom boys of science are made of, he's a pretty good example. He is 17-year-old, a good all-round grade 13 student with an 89.7% average (which he hopes to bring up to 90% before the end of the year) but with a consuming interest in all things scientific.

He is headed for the Canada Wide Science Fair at Jonquierre, Quebec, and that strange assortment in his luggage makes up the exhibit which won him one of the top prizes at the 15th annual Hamilton District Science and Engineering Fair held at Mohawk College recently. The fair is sponsored jointly by **The Hamilton Spec-**

Howard Black

tator, McMaster University and Mohawk College, affiliated with the Youth Science Foundation.

Howard, who was the only Jewish student among almost 100 exhibitors and the only one from his school, Hamilton Collegiate Institute, won the Canadian Westinghouse Award — an all-expense paid trip to, and entrance in, the Canada Wide Science Fair — and a $300 scholarship to McMaster University.

His prize-winning exhibit is entitled "Do Plants Really Know If You Care" and according to his findings, they most decidedly do. When he clips those bobby pins to the philodendron the graph on the detector goes spinning crazily. But "it's hard to tell if it is reacting from pain or the destruction of cells," explains Howard. That plants can react to the emotions of those around them, he is convinced.

The lima beans are used in another experiment in which they are exposed to different kinds of music. Those exposed to rock and pop, shrivel and wilt, the ones exposed to classical music thrive while the progress of those without music is average.

Howard's interest in science began to show itself when he was quite small and his father, Emil Black, still treasures a copy of the Jewish Community Centre's **CJO News** in which four-year-old Howie received quite a write-up when he built a rocket. When he was six, his mother, Ellen, took her son to a toy store to buy a puzzle, but his fancy was taken by a model. "That is for 14-year-olds," said the saleslady but Howie was determined. He got his model and within two hours of bringing it home, he had built it. The Black's house on Sanders Boulevard is filled with things that he has made: rockets, a digital alarm clock with gentle beeps rather than the usual ringing, a stereo set hooked up to a unit flashing colored lights in time to the music.

Howard's main concern at the moment is getting into medical school.

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Herzog hopes Western World has learned lesson of Yom Kippur War as 'Israel did'

By LAURIE CARPMAN

MONTREAL — Major-Gen. Chaim Herzog, the former director of Israeli military intelligence, told a packed audience at McGill University that if the Western world does not learn the lesson of the Yom Kippur War then world peace will soon be threatened.

Maj.-Gen. Chaim Herzog

Lecturing during the Yom Haatzmaut celebration the newly appointed Israeli ambassador to the United Nations said, "Israel has learnt her lesson, I only hope the Western World has, too."

The talk was sponsored by the Hillel Students Society, the Student Zionist Organization and the Eastern Region of the CJC.

The ambassador stressed two reasons that account for the great misconceptions that exist in Middle East negotiations. They are distance and the media, he stated.

"The media is not too profound in its reports and the reality of the situation is often distorted," he declared.

The main issue in all negotiations between Israel and the Arabs is political not military, according to Gen. Herzog. The crucial element in all the talks is what the Arabs are willing to give in return for Israeli withdrawl.

"This is the real key because Israel has already stated she would negotiate withdrawing if the Arabs were serious about establishing permanent peace."

He emphasized that Egypt has repeatedly turned down any proposals that were favorable to peaceful conditions in the Middle East.

He indicated that the two different governments and cultures further complicates the possibility of arriving at a peaceful solution. "At least the Arabs realize now that the PLO will go nowhere. The reality of having Egyptian leadership willing to talk in its own name and to recognize Israel's right to exist is paramount to solving the Middle East problem," he added.

Herzog said that Israel's decision to withstand American pressure and not give up any territory in the most recent negotiations surprised both the Arabs and Henry Kissinger.

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Bialik's highly successful nursery school physical education program, follows the philosophy of "movement education." Leading these children, aged three to five, is Esther Schiff, a junior kindergarten teacher. She initiated classes in the school. (David Groskind)

On Tu B'Shvat...

Nursery children 'become' trees

By LOUIS RACHLIS

TORONTO —

On Tu B'Shvat, the pre-school children at Bialik Nursery School celebrate the new year of the trees by "becoming" trees. They wave their arms and sway back and forth. That's just one of the themes worked into the Viewmount Avenue school's physical education program, which follows a whole philosophy of "movement education."

There are three basic principles to the program, according to Esther Schiff, a junior kindergarten teacher who initiated it there in January. These are "body awareness" — how many ways can your body move; "space awareness" — where can you move; and "qualities of movement," for instance how fast or slow your body can move.

"It requires total physical and mental involvement," Miss Schiff said. "Before a child can be expected to participate in any sports, or even to jump rope, he needs this body understanding. The children's bodies and the floor are the main equipment."

The children, aged three to five, respond to a series of open-ended "challenges" from the teacher. For instance, 'can you move four parts of your body on the floor?'

"There is no right or wrong," Miss Schiff said. "The child works within his own limitations. It works very well with insecure children."

The teacher never demonstrates; she just points out good student efforts. Each teacher at the school conducts her own gym program, but they all follow the same carefully planned "challenges".

You begin by exploring your "self space" with a challenge like: "With your feet on the ground, reach as far as you can in all directions."

Miss Schiff, who has always been interested in physical education, learned of this philosophy of movement education at a one-day workshop run by by the YWCA in Burlington.

"Before this, we had a lot of 'free play' on the indoor equipment. I found the children were doing the same things every time and getting bored. Now they come in every day and ask if we're going to the gym."

The children spend a half to one hour a week in the gymnasium, although some teachers lead the movement activities more often in their regular rooms. Sometimes the children use ropes, pushing them around with their toes to make geometric shapes like circles or triangles.

They dart around responding to challenges — "Move with one part of your body high, and one part low... Move along the floor without your feet to propel you..."

Sometimes a Bible lesson fits in... "Moses and the Jews are crossing the desert. Can you get across the Red Sea (a mat) just on your tummy?"

Miss Schiff is delighted with the children's enthusiasm and progress. "I really feel it's so important," she said, "because I know they spend a lot of their time at home watching television."

Yiddish culture, education, press, will be dealt with by conference

TORONTO —

A province-wide conference to deal with the past achievements and future plans in the area of Yiddish culture, education and press, will take place here June 8.

The conference called by the Yiddish Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, will be held in the auditorium of the Associated Hebrew Schools. It will conclude with a Yiddish concert on the evening of the same day.

This will be third of such regional assemblies organized by the Congress committee which has as its main aims the promotion and appreciation of Yiddish and its great cultural contributions in the totality of the Jewish cultural heritage.

The conference will review the advances made during the past three years in the areas of Yiddish language courses in the junior educational institutions, the growth of studies at the university level, the expansion that has taken place in the field of adult Yiddish language and literature studies and the experience accumulated in the very successful public presentations of Yiddish festivals, films, concerts, lectures.

In addition, the June 8 conference will deal with the proposed world conference on Yiddish scheduled to take place in the near future in Jerusalem.

Campaign to be undertaken within weeks to fight boycott imposed by Arab states

in my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

From "most reliable" sources, I have learned that within the next few weeks a campaign will be undertaken on the part of world Jewry to challenge the legality and morality of the Arab boycott.

In a departure from journalistic tradition, however, I can identify my source as none other than Itzhak Korn, secretary-general of the Labor Zionist Movement; a member of the executive and Israel chairman of the World Jewish Congress and a man with strong political connections in Israel.

What makes this news particularly significant at this time, is the fact that for months, the silence on the part of Israel and the Jewish leadership outside Israel, has deepened in response to the campaign by Arab leadership to expand and intensify the boycott which, despite protests to the contrary by the Arabs and their friends, cleverly and cunningly links things "Zionist" with things Jewish.

Now, apparently, there are going to be changes:

Early in May, a special select committee of the World Jewish Congress will gather in London to discuss the organizing and mounting of the campaign which is to move dynamically and dramatically in two directions:

First — To create a united front on the part of all Jewry outside Israel in fighting the Arab boycott, decide what specific forms it will take and set up the machinery to apply the strategy.

Second — By a concerted public relations and information campaign, apply pressure on governments, particularly among the Western democracies, to enact anti-discrimination legislation, and if such legislation already exists as it does in the United States, Canada and other free nations, apply the law to trade outside the country.

Korn, a big, friendly bear of a man with a built-in understanding of the delicate problems involved in seeking support from Jews who are not Israelis, and the elite of the business and banking communities who are neither Jews nor Israelis, made two very simple points to me during a brief visit here:

— "It is the duty of world Jewry to raise their voices around the world in speaking out against the Arab boycott; the time for stammering and stuttering on this subject is past."

— "If the free world continues to accept the Arab boycott as a legitimate instrument of diplomacy, and through petrodollar blackmail, then this is only the beginning and it won't be long before other nations will be able to dictate the way of life for the free world."

What Korn was saying, of course, is that if you accept economic blackmail as a reality you have to live with, than the next step will be for the Third World nations, or a large number of this group, to impose a boycott on business from, and with the democratic community, simply because they oppose private enterprise, Henry Kissinger's Far East policies, or Pierre Trudeau's position on abortion.

Of course these are **reductio ad absurdum** arguments, but Korn is right in principle; and therein lies the basic problem:

Israel, as **The New York Times** recently reported, has maintained a relatively diplomatic silence on the boycott question, simply because it is intimately involved in the negotiations, regarding pullbacks and declarations of non-belligerency. This is an understandable policy and not upsetting to the delicate balance of such negotiations, if they are indeed taking place behind the scenes.

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'There will never be another Oct. 6,' vows reserve officer who was captive 45 days

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
October 8 was one of the blackest days in the illustrious history of the Israeli army. On that day, still reeling from devastating blows inflicted on them by the Egyptian and Syrian armies, the Israel defence forces in Sinai launched what was hoped to be an effective counter-attack against the entrenched, Second Egyptian Army.

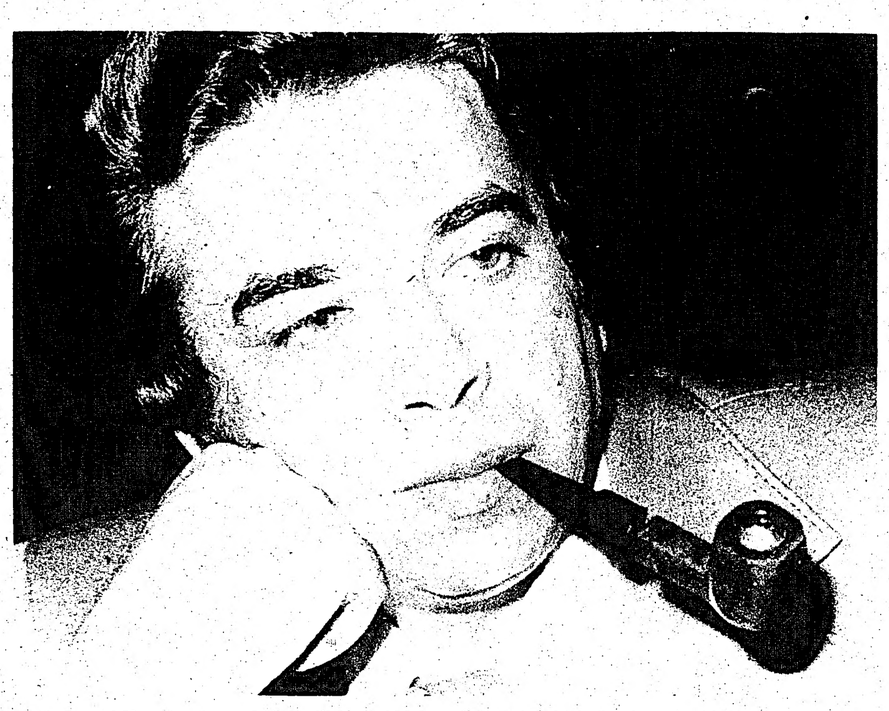
The attack failed miserably. Among the soldiers participating in the offensive was Lt.-Col. Asaf Yaguri, the only man in Israel to have attained such a high rank in the reserve army. He commanded the ill-fated 190th tank brigade, which was but decimated by a stronger Egyptian force within the span of four hours.

Yaguri, a handsome and genial 43-year old Sabra who endured a 45 day captivity, was here the other day on the last leg of a national tour sponsored by The Canadian Zionist Federation. Although he is a fairly quiet and seemingly reflective person, Yaguri, a building company manager in private life, also happens to be outspoken and somewhat critical about the government-appointed Agranat Commission, which recently released its final report on the conduct of the Yom Kippur War.

Several months ago, in an interview with **Maariv**, Yaguri condemned the commission for having failed to present clear answers to what he termed "foggy questions": did what happened, have to happen, and might it happen again?

Last week, in an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Yaguri, a native of Kibbutz Yagur, expanded on his ideas concerning the deficiencies of the Agranat Commission. "After a careful reading of the portion of the report released to the public, I discovered there was a great gap between what we experienced at the Suez Canal and the nice, calm, measured, even-handed tone of the report," he explained without much elaboration or bitterness.

His main complaint is that the commission neglected the vital issue of political responsibility. He dismissed the view that former defence minister Moshe Dayan should be blamed for the blunders of the first few days of the war, but he also made it clear that the cabinet was whitewashed by the commission.



Lt. Col. Asaf Yaguri commanded the ill-fated 190th tank brigade which was decimated by Egyptian forces in the Yom Kippur War. He endured a 45-day captivity during which he met Egypt's war minister. (El-Baz photo)

Yaguri's personal involvement in the tragedy which ultimately triggered off a nationwide outcry for an investigating committee, began on the morning of Oct. 7, when he took command of a tank brigade stationed near the Firdan Bridge on the Suez Canal. Waiting on the other side of the waterway for an Israeli counter-attack was the crack Second Army, with 200 tanks and 8,000 men.

"They were ready for us," related Yaguri. "We did our best. Our soldiers were experienced fighters. I believed it was possible to destroy them. But we did not know what lay ahead."

Without the benefit of any intelligence data, artillery support or air power, and with only some 20 tanks at their disposal, the Israelis began to push westward toward the Egyptians. It was a rout. Although the 190th brigade knocked out 30 enemy tanks, the Israelis were no match for the Egyptians. The raging battle was over in four hours.

In the midst of the conflagration, Yaguri's lead tank was hit by a missile. Miraculously, neither he nor his crew, the sole survivors in the brigade, were hurt. Trying to make their way back to their lines, they momentarily hid in a fox hole. But the Egyptians found them and were about to open fire when a compassionate Egyptian officer intervened.

"He saved our lives," Yaguri conceded.

Yaguri spent the next 45 days in captivity. "The treatment was hard," he recalled, "but the hardest thing about it was that I was totally isolated, without lights, windows or friends."

In the course of his imprisonment, he met Egyptian Minister of War Ismail Ali who tried to convince Yaguri of Egypt's legitimate claim to the Sinai Peninsula. At the end of the conversation, Ali asked him if there was anything he could do for him. "He probably expected me to ask for a tour of the Pyramids. Instead, I requested a visit to the Cairo synagogue," he said.

Ali complied with his wish, and on the following Saturday, he was driven to the synagogue. Ali, seeing obvious advantages in this, had arranged for the international press corps to record the event for propaganda purposes. Yaguri, aghast, almost left. He stayed because a member of the congregation implored him to remain. Speaking to the Jews in English and French, Yaguri learned that they were more or less satisfied with life in Egypt.

Today, a year and a few months after his imprisonment, Yaguri shows little outward signs of his ordeal. Does he take personal responsibility for the military disaster which engulfed his brigade? Does he feel guilty? He paused before replying. "In our army, the commander always assumes responsibility, this is always the case."

In his opinion, the army learned the lessons of the war. "We changed our tactics after a few days," he said. "And today we are in the best condition." In retrospect, he adds, there are basically four reasons why the Arabs gained the upper hand on Oct. 6. "Their manoeuvres were surprising. Their attack was concentrated along the entire front rather than in isolated places. They fought at night, and had many, many more anti-tank missiles than we imagined. And psychologically, we didn't think in terms of an attack. We thought we had safe borders; we were over-confident."

Yaguri was asked to assess the fighting ability of the Arabs. "I found several changes," he observed. "They were motivated. For them, Sinai was home. And their officers had improved. They were better educated and technologically oriented." Yet he added this declaimer: "Under pre-determined conditions, they're good. But in improvised situations, they're completely lost."

On the prospects of peace, Yaguri is not optimistic. He quoted a statement by President Sadat, who declared that the present generation of Arabs and Israelis will not live in real peace. He ruled out the possibility of total war, or an Israeli pre-emptive strike, but he figured that a fifth was probable. As he put it: "The Yom Kippur war had no final military or political outcome..." His voice trailed off, and the interviewer was allowed to form his own conclusions.

Yaguri refused to pinpoint the date of another war, saying that only fools indulge in predictions. "But I promise you one thing," he said with emphasis. "There won't be another Oct. 6."

Asaf Yaguri, the father of three daughters, has no intention of ever spending 45 days in an Egyptian — Syrian, Lebanese, Jordanian or Iraqi — prison again.

Need for self-reliance and self-determination stressed by Israeli ambassador to UN

By CYNTHIA RUBIN

MONTREAL —
"If we had done what others wanted, there would be no Jewish state," Yosef Tekoah, Israel's outgoing ambassador to the UN told an overflow crowd of 2,000 celebrating Israel's 27th anniversary at Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue here.

Tekoah made an eloquent speech on Israel's struggle for survival and fervent desire to achieve peace. He stressed the necessity of Jewish self-reliance and self-determination.

"If we had listened to outside advice, Israel would not have taken in hundred of thousands of immigrants. Our destiny lies in our own hands. We ourselves must determine what is right for the Jewish people."

He reminded the audience that "the Jewish people's struggle continues unabated. It is the struggle of a whole nation to live, of a whole civilization to survive."

Although the Arabs "have never made a secret of their wish to eradicate the Jewish state, Tekoah expressed the hope that "peace can be made in the Middle East if the Arab states accept Israel's sovereignty and only if the Arab states are convinced Israel is strong enough to want independence."

Speaking of the latest peace negotiations, Tekoah said: "Israel will not bow to pressure from whatever quarter it may come.

"We live in a world where weakness has brought disaster to many nations," he warned, citing Czechoslovakia, Pakistan, Cambodia and South Vietnam.

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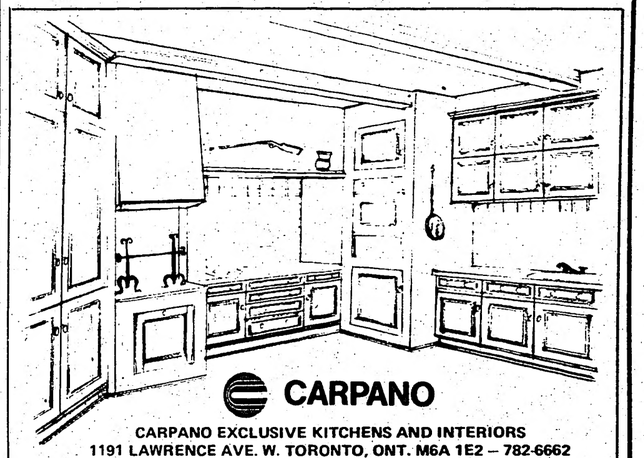
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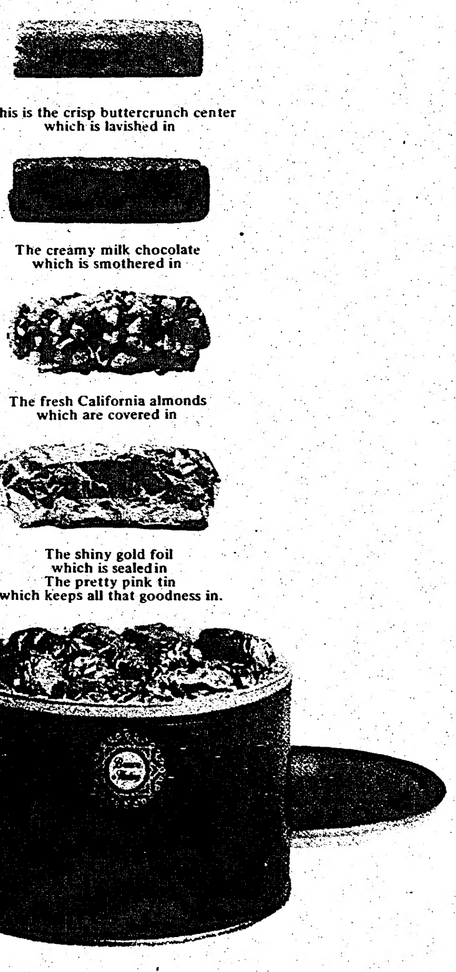
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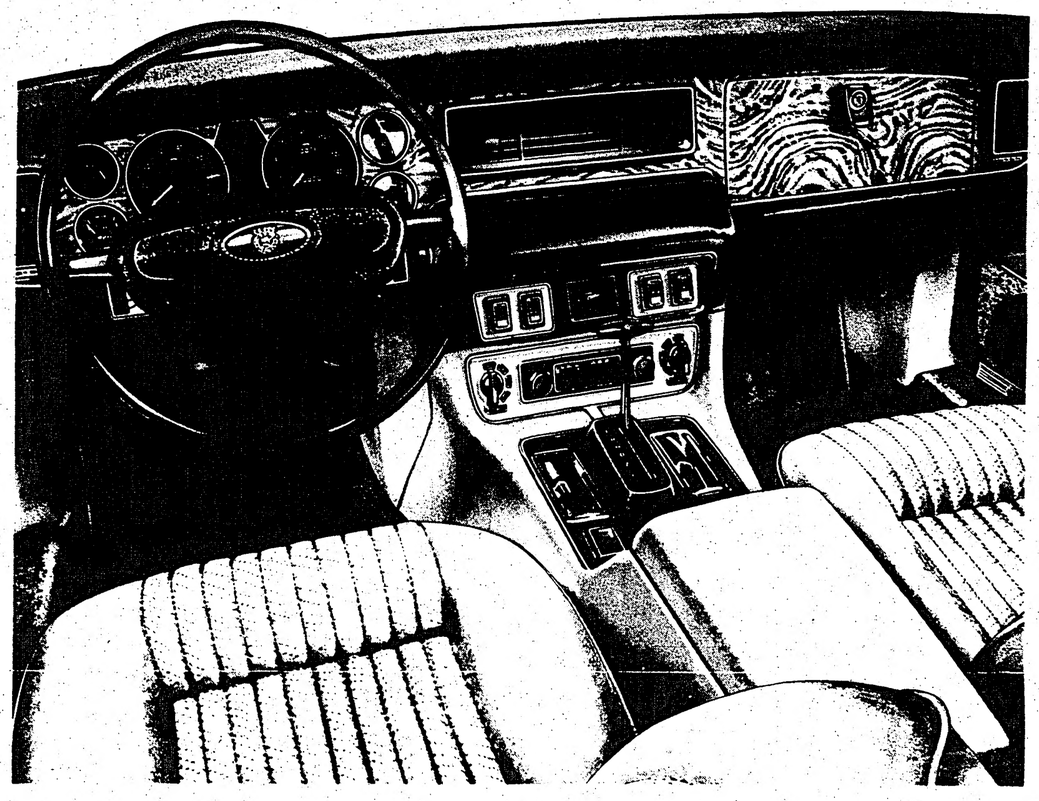
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Valerie Harper, who portrays Rhoda on CBS-TV, was "married" this year and all 30 million viewers probably said mazel tov. Unfortunately, show has become dull.

The trouble with Rhoda is she's no longer loser since finding her man

T.V.

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Rhoda got married this year on the television program of the same name, and the estimated 30 million people who watched probably heaved a sigh of relief — "Mazel tov, at last!" But what now?

The essence of Rhoda's character was that she was a loveable loser. We rooted for her through all her tsouris, perhaps because she reminded us of ourselves, or perhaps because she handled it all with such disarming humor. On the **Mary Tyler Moore Show,** we saw her go from a stylish chubby person to a chic, slim gorgeous person. The change was terrific, but try and convince Rhoda — her perpetual insecurity kept us laughing.

We kept laughing with each date. While Mary dated gorgeous men, Rhoda dated men who were too short; men who, when they saw Mary, forgot Rhoda.

But then she got lucky. The show **Rhoda** was created; she met her man, Joe, and finally, after the wildest pre-wedding aggravation, she got married. And that's the problem; she has become a winner.

In a sense her writers, James Brooks, Allan Burns, David Davis and Lorenzo Music have made her the victim of the Jewish stereotype. Rhoda came complete with all the problems; she had a weight problem. Her only apparent ambition was to meet the right man. Her overprotective mother's only apparent ambition was to make sure she met the right man and married him. And Rhoda suffers from guilt because she can't please her mother!

So Rhoda finally got married and everybody was happy, but there's no place to go with the show. Now we have episodes dealing with Joe's annoying habit of locking the bathroom door; finding a new apartment; Joe's failing business. Rhoda's problems are over and unfortunately the show has lost most of it's raison d'etre.

But there are sustaining sidelights. Rhoda's sister Brenda, played wonderfully by Julie Kavner, is the early Rhoda all over again. Nancy Walker as the nagging mother Ida is hilariously the same. Ida will never be happy; she'll always find fault with Rhoda and she also has Brenda to contend with, too. If ever there was a mayven on kvetching, Ida is it.

But what of it. The cast is wonderful and Valerie Harper as the early Rhoda couldn't be beat. Her timing was superb and her talent as an actress brought out the best in the New York Jewish Rhoda. But now the part seems to have lost its sparkle, with Rhoda slipping more and more into nothing lines like, "Yeah Joe, (pause) yeah."

I hope something can be done. The talent is too good to lose.

If you long for Yiddish theatre, well here it is, the product of a dream

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Yiddish theatre is alive and well, and expects to be thriving at The Crest, on Mt. Pleasant Road, May 5, 6, and 7, when Sholem Aleichem's **Schwer Zu Sein a Yid,** will be presented.

Founded 2½ years ago by Sylvia Fistell Grimson, a teacher of dance dramatics who "had a dream," the Yiddish Renaissance Theatre which offers this classic, has attracted an impressive group of artists.

Lacking even the proverbial shoestring support, Ms. Grimson placed ads in various papers, asking for actors with professional experience (this was definitely not to be an amateur company) and some knowledge of Yiddish. She also contacted organizations and individuals who might help with funds.

Response from the actors was overwhelmingly encouraging; such personalities as Chaya Luxemburg, born in Warsaw, and Ben Lennick, well-known Toronto performer, were eager to participate, Chaya because Yiddish theatre is her metier, Ben because, "it was a challenge, my first opportunity to actually act in Yiddish. Besides, I have fond memories of the great actors who used to play the Strand on Spadina."

Funds were not so readily forthcoming. Possible investors, while favorable to the concept, adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Sylvia persuaded her actors to work gratis toward a 'showcase' performance planned for last October at the Learning Resources Centre with premises on Eglinton Avenue which were offered to them at no cost.

An enthusiastic invited audience provided the first real financial backing, and other investors came forward. One interesting donation was received from Rabbi David Monson who had received a $1,000 gift for performing a family service and used it to support "my favorite project."

Now it was possible to go into production, and rehearsals began at the Bloor St. YMHA for **Schwer Zu Sein a Yid** with a cast and crew brought together from diverse sources.

Bill Pevzner, director, originally from Springfield, Mass, has worked in films, television, and on stage both in Toronto and New York.

Young Torontonian Shimmy Plener, who confesses, "I understand Yiddish and have learned to speak it for this play," appeared recently in **The Dybbuk.**

Sam Stein, active with Yiddish Theatre in Montreal, read about the company forming here and promptly joined.

Violinist Arkady Shindelman, accompanist along with musical director and score composer Rick Kardonne, is from Russia.

Harvey Atkin is the voice in numerous local radio commercials and "always plays the gangster in episodes of **Police Surgeon.**" His Yiddish, he says, was learned from his grandparents when the three generations lived together.

Jeannette Stein, an alumna of the Farband School, had the lead in the New Play Society's production of **Peter Pan,** under the direction of Mavor Moore. She is also in CBC radio drama.

Schwer Zu Sein a Yid, is set in the Czarist Russia of the early 1900s. Some students, just graduated from their 'gymnasia' are noisily celebrating the release from studies when their attention turns to one of the group who is conspicuously silent. "Why are you so quiet?" one demands. "You've just won a gold medal and have more reason to be joyful than any of us."

"Not so," responds the other." The medal is of no use to me. I'm Jewish. You see, it's hard to be a Jew!" Disbelieving, the young Russian proposes they exchange identities. The Jewish boy agrees reluctantly and all sort of complications result.

Sylvia Fistell Grimson's dream, to bring Yiddish Professional Theatre to Toronto, is an answer to "the resurgence among our young people, their need to get back to their roots, to the older people who will 'quivell' when they hear youthful actors speaking Yiddish, and to the artists," who, as Jeannette Stein explains it, "all have, somewhere inside them, a spot, which is a part of their people."

Ben Lennick will perform in Sholem Aleichem's play Schwer Zu Sein a Yid, at The Crest, May 5th to 7th.

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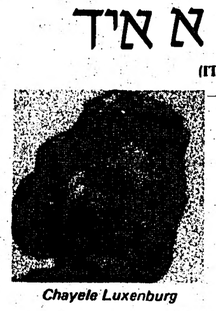
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First appearance panicked singer, who is now star

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

"The first prize at a talent contest held on Independence Day at a club near my home in Tivon was a one-year music scholarship. My father had wondered why I insisted on entering and making a fool of myself — but my mother encouraged me, and I did go, accompanied by her. I managed to get on the stage and sing, but soon felt "shivery" and ran off the stage in tears. Imagine my surprise when, two weeks later, a letter arrived — I had won the scholarship!"

This was Chava Alberstein's first appearance in public, and little did she know that in a few short years she would be sending shivers down her listeners' spines with a voice that has that certain magical quality — so hard to believe. When she sings, you believe her.

She signed her first autograph shortly after joining the army, where she was a member of an army entertainment troupe which performed for units throughout the country. Her songs became popular almost overnight — her followers grew more and more numerous — and very soon it became evident — a star was born.

Her first recording opportunity was offered her by Simon Schmidt, managing director of CBS Records, Israel. "I owe him my first step in recording" says Chava. "He believed in me when I needed it most."

Today, not only is she Israel's most successful popular singer, backed up by Platina, (which also backs up B.B. King whenever he tours Europe) — she is probably one of the greatest singers of the century, both vocally and in terms of choice of material. A unique blend of Jewish folk-styles (she started out singing Yiddish folk ballads), North American avant-garde jazz and Paris cabaret — Chava's songs, written by a number of contemporary Israeli pop composers, represent the most revolutionary new and exciting sound to hit the contemporary music scene since the Beatles. Funky, melodic, relevant, genuinely original and above all amazingly diversified, the Chava Alberstein sound makes everything coming out of New York and London seem tame. It is a sound which not only can contemporary Jewish youth proudly claim as its own; it is also the only strong ray of hope and new directions in existence today, as far as today's nostalgia-stultified, burnt-out music scene goes. And what a powerful musical beacon it is.

Take, for example, **Living on a Volcano,** one of the great jazz-rock classics of all time, with its exciting polyrhythmic beat and yearning minor-key melody; the words of which encapsulize the total Jewish condition of our time — or the strikingly innovative chord progression of Motti Caspi's **Turn the Grapes into Wine** (a blend of Brel, Weill and Prokofiev with Caspi's own unique stamp, set to a beat which sounds like a fusion of hora and reggae) and totally cynical, yet poignant lyrics by Y. Teharlev. Or take the classy cabaret number **Seven Good Years;** the fast far-out whole-tone progression of Naimo Shemer's **A Song is Born;** the supremely subtle **Solveig;** the beautiful epic love ballad **Will He Return?;** not to mention Naomi Shemer's **Loo y'Hee,** the greatest peace song of them all; or the most thrilling Chassidic rhapsody ever written, Caspi-Teharlev's **Ballad of the Horse with a Spot on his Forehead.** The list goes on and on.

Israel's daily **Maariv** says, "At the end of an evening of listening to Chava, something strange happens to the listener: he is willing to remain in the hall, to continue sitting and listening — one just doesn't feel like leaving." On May 29, at Beth Tzedec, Toronto audiences will be able to experience Chava Alberstein live, singing the very songs (backed up by the same musical arrangements) which have made her today's soul of Israel and thus of world Jewry.

Israeli singer Chava Alberstein will be in Toronto at the end of May. She is one of Israel's premiere vocalists, according to columnist Rick Kardonne.

The cast of Second City's "Alterations While-U-Wait" has reason to smile. The critics like them. From top left: Dan Aykroyd, Catherine O'Hara, Allan Guttman and Benjamin Gordon. From bottom left: Andrea Martin, John Monteith and Dave Thomas. The play, at Firehall Restaurant & Tavern, is directed by Joseph O'Flaherty and produced by Andrew Alexander. Critic Jeniva Berger says timing "is cracker jack sharp."

Second City 'bit of a wonder'

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

Toronto's Second City which continues to pack houses at the Firehall Restaurant is, unequivocally, a bit of a wonder in this hard sell town. Without a lot of fanfare each show runs close to a year. But the acid test for all around appeal lies in the amazing audience crosssection which runs the gamut at any given time from conventioneering middle-aged businessmen to young marrieds to high school students who have to pass up the foaming Jamaican rum coffee — a house specialty — in favor of a ginger ale. Now approaching its third birthday, it's nice to know that we've created a small theatrical institution in our midst.

Cast changes occur from time to time, which doesn't seem to affect the show's popularity or diminish the quality in any way either; the most recent departees being Eugene Levy, John Candy, and Joseph O'Flaherty who have taken a leave of absence to inaugurate yet a third Second City company in Pasadena, California.

In the meantime the three new members, John Monteith, Benjamin Gordon, and Dave Thomas along with regulars Dan Aykroyd, Catherine O'Hara, and Andrea Martin have meshed gears smoothly; the changeover has been easy and the current show, **Alterations While You Wait,** is Second City's best to date.

Alterations is the happy result of continued progression from the original borrowed material of **Hello Dali,** the first show which was spawned in Chicago, to top notch all Canadian content, to tightening skits so that the timing is cracker-jack sharp, and to developing performers so that individual personalities complement the satire rather than compete with it.

I think they've reached a pinnacle here and it would be hard to imagine any improvements. I don't think you'll ever see a funnier, more compact show at this Firehall. Each skit gets better and better, proceeding from the obligatory blackouts to get you in the mood quickly to an uproarious finale which finds a third-rate Russian ballet company as part of a cultural exchange program (we've sent them the Peterborough Pop Symphony) do a mangled version of Swan Lake called The Flaming Turkey.

Some of the other goodies which come to mind are ones in which a couple of news telecasters archly named Earl Camembert and Floyd Robinson become more engrossed in the game of one-upmanship than in the news, and another which offers us a hilarious send-up of our immigration laws as three immigrants participating in a banal TV game show vie for "who gets the passport."

Then, there's Andrea Martin as a rags-to-riches hip folksinger, Joanne Newton Buffy, squawking out unbelievably awful lyrics, Catherine O'Hara pulling the rug out from under her husband when a traffic cop stops them, an Olympic Lottery winning night sketch which spotlights an anti-capitalist French Canadian announcer as the embarrassed winner of the loot, and for Elizabethan buffs, a backstage squabble live from the Globe Theatre during the opening night of King Lear.

That's a few. There's a lot more, and you'll undoubtedly pick your own winners, but **Alterations While You Wait** will give you a wide choice and that's most of the fun.

Master weaver's work can be seen at gallery display

By WANDA WINTROBE

TORONTO —

What Georges Goldstein, a master weaver 'painter and designer' enjoys most is blending his patient analytical temperament and disciplined artistic sensitivity into fine tapestries. Twenty-two of these can be viewed at the Pollock Gallery until May 6.

Goldstein, represented in the new art book, **Tapestry of the 20th Century,** specializes in translating work of recognized artists into an original art form through woven wool. For this premier Canadian gallery showing, he has included executions of his personal designs as well as known Israeli painters such as Yochanan Simon, Moshe Tamir, Mathieu Mategot and Shlomo Cassos.

Many Torontonians are already familiar with this master weaver's name, having visited his personal art gallery in Jerusalem, which ajoins his architect's office and weaving workshop — Atelier of Tapestry.

Since Goldstein began exhibiting in 1966, his weaving has been featured at the Bienale in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, and the Israeli Pavilion at Expo, Montreal.

He has designed tapestries for the Knesset and the home of Israel's president.

"Each tapestry, containing as many as 60 colors, takes two to four months to complete with three or four weavers each working at the rate of three square feet per month," the 43-year-old craftsman explained during an interview. "I prepare the design for the loom like an architectural drawing and I work directly with the artist. I weave sketches originated by Hans Hartung, Yaakov Agam, Karl Appell, Michel Seuphor and Jean Lurcat.

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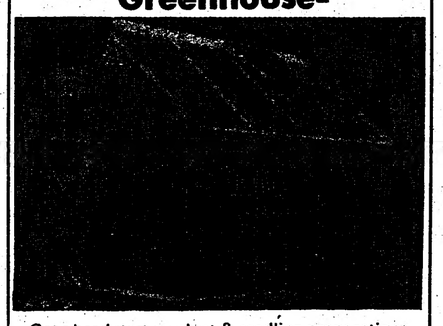
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King Herod's monumental fortress has been invaded by tourists

JERUSALEM —

The monumental fortress of Herodion, built to serve King Herod as a refuge during his lifetime and a tomb after his death, has been cleared of the debris of 2,000 years and opened to the public by the Israel National Parks Authority.

The fortress, which is located a few miles southeast of Bethlehem on the edge of the Judean Desert is plainly visible from the southern edge of Jerusalem. The flat topped hill projects volcano-like above the lower hills surrounding it. Herodion is one of the five desert fortresses built by Herod as sanctuaries in event of invasion or civil war. Some archeologists believe the tomb, still unlocated, may have remained undisturbed through the centuries.

Herod was a builder-king who left a greater mark on the face of the Holy Land than any other man. In the 33 years that he ruled (37-4 B.C.E.) he built fortresses and cities the length of the land, including a splendid port at Caesarea. He reconstructed the Holy Temple on a magnificent scale, (the massive stones of the Western Wall, the most holy Jewish site, are remains of the outer Temple wall constructed under Herod).

The site can be visited by private car or with one of the tours departing Jerusalem. There is a one day tour departing Jerusalem every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday morning which for $8 not counting lunch, includes visits to Bethlehem, Hebron and Herodion. A three-day tour priced at $46 departs every Sunday and Tuesday from Jerusalem and includes two days of touring Jerusalem itself before departing for Bethlehem, Hebron and Herodion.

A team of Italian archeologists dug there from 1962 to 1967 and uncovered four defensive towers and remains of the royal palace in the centre. From coins and documents found, it was evident that the fortress had been used by Jewish forces during both the first and second revolts against the Roman. Among the documents were letters from Bar Kochba, leader of the second revolt. There are also remains of a Byzantine chapel.

When the Israel National Parks Authority personnel arrived in the summer of 1967, they found that access to the hilltop was only possible via a steep and difficult dirt track. A donkey service was maintained by local Bedouin to carry travelers to the top. The remains of the fortress and palace were scattered among the clutter of rubble and dangerous to clamber over.

This is Herodium, the Judean fortress built during the Second Temple period, located about seven miles south of Jerusalem. It was built by Herod at the spot where he routed pursuers during his flight from Jerusalem to Masada in 40 BCE.

A road was built that permits vehicles to approach to within 200 metres of the top of the hill. From a parking lot at that point, a broad footpath takes the traveler the rest of the way. The ruins themselves have been cleaned up, partially restored and identified by signposts.

Unlike many other archeological sites, it is easy to visualize what Herodion looked like when it was built. From the wide stone wall which rims the hilltop, the four towers projects outwards so as to permit the defenders inside them to more easily shower stones and spears on any attacker laboring up the steep slopes. Many round stone missiles resembling large cannon balls have been found. The interior of the thick defence wall is pierced by a corridor linking the towers, permitting the soldiers to move from one to the other without exposing themselves on the ramparts.

In the centre of the hilltop are the remains of the palace, including an elaborate bath complex covering a quarter of the area. Archeologist Gideon Ferster, who has been responsible for the restoration, says that the baths were plainly a social centre. A large rectangular space ringed by columns marks the royal gardens and a room with stone benches at its side was, according to Ferster, used as a synagogue. Just outside its entrance is a shallow mikveh. Patches of the brightly colored stucco which had covered the palace are still visible.

'Fun flows freely'

Raft of Florida festivals offering entertainment, education and economy

By WILLIAM ADLER

TALLAHASSEE —

June breezes into Florida aboard a raft of festivals offering entertainment, education and economy.

Fun flows as freely as the St. Johns River, on which the month's first special event is held. During the June 1 Mug Race, from Palatka to Jacksonville, sailboats and powerboats vie for trophies in one of the world's longest river sailing regattas.

Next, the picturesque Gulf Coast city of Sarasota provides the setting for the New College Summer Music Festival June 2-21 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. More than a dozen internationally famed instrumental artists perform annually in this event, widely touted as a leader among the south's music festivals.

The Golden Anniversary Celebration in Gulf Country June 6-14 promises parades, sports, arts and crafts, contests, music and oodles of other activities. Floridians in the towns of Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka and Mexico Beach host this gala affair, which involved more than two years of continuous planning.

Cypress Gardens hosts three festivals in one during the Cypress Gardens Festival, Classic Car Meet and All-American Water Ski Championships June 13-22. The scenic gardens provide a dreamland setting for sky diving, delta wing kite flights, aquarama pool shows and national cheerleading championships, combined with an antique auto meet and water ski competition in 11 divisions.

The Florida Theatre Festival in Daytona Beach presents an opportunity for both entertainment and cultural enrichment June 11-15, with a full program of seminars open to the public. Also slated are evening presentations by little theatre groups.

Florida festivals are inexpensive to attend. Many are free.

The Fiesta of Five Flags in Pensacola, for instance, brings free fun to everyone who attends June 8-15. During the gala Fiesta Week, more than 60 recreational programs, sports, cultural and educational activities spice up festive parades, water sports, art exhibits, concerts, fishing rodeo and a street fair. A $1,500 treasure hunt allows visitors an extra chance to cash in on a good thing.

Physical fitness takes the forefront during Pensacola's Mini-Marathon June 14, when long-distance runners from throughout the southeast compete in a 13-mile run for glory.

The nation's bicentennial brings special meaning to Honor America Days June 14-July 4 in Melbourne, and activities such as the U.S. army band's "Grand Tattoo" highlight this patriotic event.

Heritage also rings loud and clear at the June 20-Aug. 31 "Cross and Sword" presentation in St. Augustine. An outdoor drama, the state's official play depicts the founding of St. Augustine, the nation's oldest permanent European settlement, more than 400 years ago.

Kissimmee, in Central Florida, offers visitors an opportunity to participate in real family fun in the 750-mile Boat-A-Cade June 21-29. The route of the excursion takes participating boaters around the horn of Florida.

A month of fine festivals builds to a crescendo with three special events that should make any mouth water.

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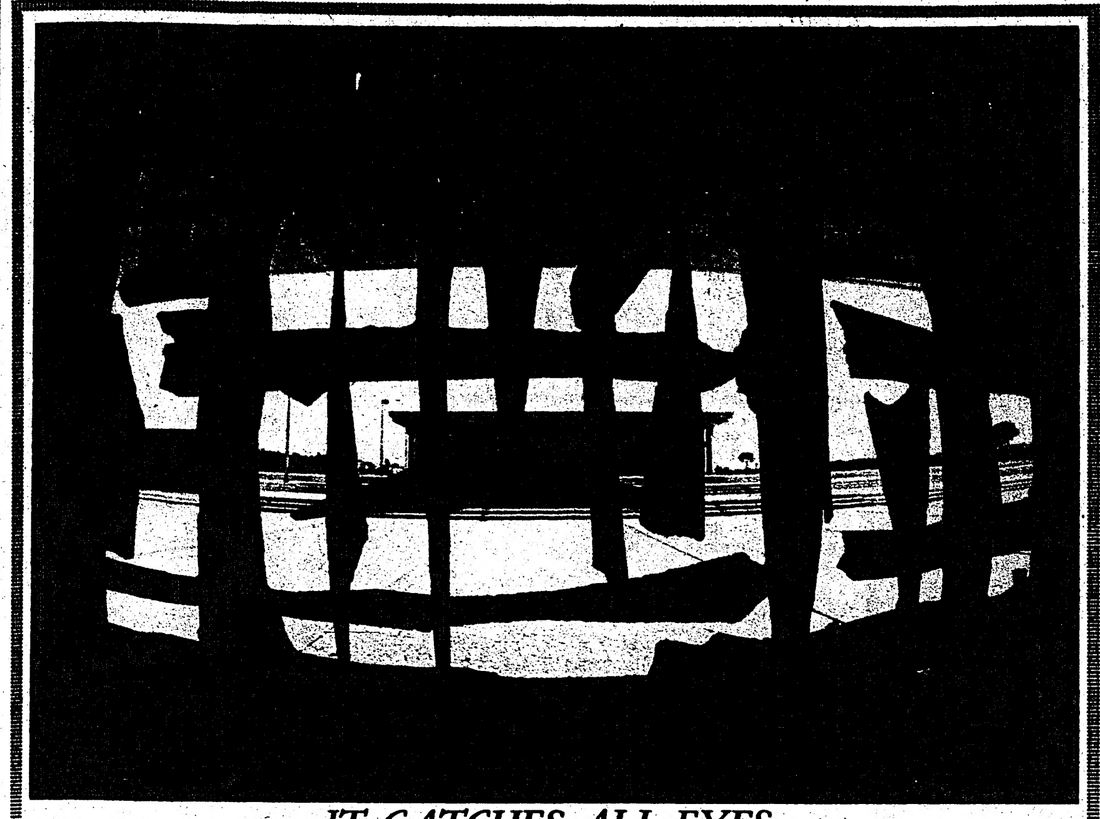

IT CATCHES ALL EYES

This haunting metal sculpture stands between visitors and the modern Knesset building in Jerusalem. The Knesset is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Israel, attracting tens of thousands of sightseers each year. (Aliza Urbach photograph)

Importance of recently acquired scroll enhanced by symbolism of its contents

By YIGAL YADIN

JERUSALEM —

The intrinsic importance of the so-called Dead Sea Scrolls has been heightened — from the moment of their first discovery to this very day — by circumstantial events concerning the ways of their discovery, purchase and contents. Although these additional ingredients are of no scientific significance, their incredible nature of strange coincidences has added to the interest in the scrolls by the lay public, both in Israel and the world at large.

Thus, for example, the fact that the acquisition of the first three scrolls by the late Prof. E.L. Sukenik from a dealer in Bethlehem, happened on Nov. 29, 1947 — the very day on which the United Nations decided on the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine — was regarded by many people as highly symbolic, particularly since one of these scrolls, that of the "War of the Sons of Light (the children of Levy Judah and Benjamin) against the Sons of Darkness (the nations surrounding Israel" was unrolled and studied in the midst of ferocious attacks on the newly created State, and in the besieged Jerusalem, itself a scene of bitter fighting.

I have the great pleasure to announce the unrolling of yet another scroll, which came into our hands in the midst of the recent Six Day War, one day after the battle of Jerusalem was over. Again, the importance of this scroll was further enhanced, for many of us, by the symbolism that two of the main subjects it deals with, are the rules of mobilization of the "children of Israel" when threatened by multitudes of their enemies, and a detailed description of the Holy City and the Temple.

I cannot at this stage disclose the way this scroll came into our hands, lest I endanger the chances of acquiring further scrolls. It is sufficient perhaps to say that this aspect of the scroll, when told, will seem like a tale from the Arabian Nights.

The history of the scroll, as far as I am concerned, goes back to the early 60s. I can say, though, that prior to its latest history, the scroll was kept in most unsuitable conditions. There are good reasons to believe that this unhappy situation contributed in no small measure to its deterioration in parts, in addition to the damage it suffered in the last two thousand years when it was hidden in one of the Qumran caves. I am happy to say, however, that its prompt unrolling, and the treatment it received against further decay, has saved, for the scientific world, considerable parts of one of the most important scrolls ever to be discovered.

The scroll, even in its present condition, is the longest known — 8.6 metres — as compared with the 7.3 metres of the complete Isaiah scroll, hitherto the longest in existence. Its end is practically intact, as indicated by the blank sheet at the very end. The beginning, however, is not preserved, but probably not much of it is missing. I was able, nevertheless, to secure a continuous sequence of all the fragments and the well-preserved whole. Altogether the scroll — in its present condition — consists of 66 columns.

The scroll was copied by a skilled scribe of Qumran. His style, which is the common so-called Herodian, indicates that the latest possible date for its composition was the second part of the first century B.C. or the beginning of the first century A.D.

In addition to its unusual length, the scroll is also unique in its contents, which concerns four groups of subjects:

— a large collection of Halakhoth (religious rules) on various subjects amongst them ritual uncleanness and cleanness, in which the Pentateuch is often quoted with many interesting additions, deletions and variants;

— enumeration of the sacrifices and offerings according to the Festivals;

— a detailed description of the Temple;

— the statutes of the king and the army.

There is ample proof on paleographic grounds, spelling peculiarities and so on, that the scroll's scribe was a member of the Qumran community; but there seems to be even enough evidence to show that the author himself must have been a member of the Essene sect, or at least belonged to the same apocalyptic circles which adhered to the special Qumran calendar, the Book of Jubilees, etc.

A considerable part of the scroll is dedicated to prescribing detailed rules concerning the celebration of the various festivals (such as Succoth, Passover, Day of Atonement, and so on) and their sacrifices, meal-offerings and other ritual practices. Now, in addition to the normal "Festivals of the Weeks" (Shavuoth — Pentecost) in which the bread of the first was offered, the scroll decrees the celebration of additional two festivals of the same nature: that of the New Wine, and that of the New Oil, each to be celebrated fifty days after the preceding one. The latter festival is known to have been practiced by the Qumran community (as is evidenced by a hitherto unpublished text mentioned by Father Milik in Supplements to Vetus Testamentum IV, 1957, p. 25) and it fell on the 22nd of the sixth month. It can now be proved on the basis of our scroll, that this festival could fall on that day — after the counting of fifty plus fifty plus fifty days — only if one followed the Qumran calendar and festival reckoning.

Incidentally, the new evidence derived from the scroll, concerning the three "first fruit" festivals, each to be celebrated after the counting of 50 days, will throw interesting new light on the structure and principles of the festivals practices in the ancient near east.

Yigal Yadin is professor of archeology at Hebrew U.

Diaspora Institute students open hostel for visitors to Old City of Jerusalem

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

For the first time since 1948, young Jewish visitors wishing to lodge in the Old City of Jerusalem will soon be able to experience the city in a Jewish environment. There are no Jewish hostels in the Old City at present.

The Mount Zion Youth Centre is the brainchild of about 80 young North American Jews who study at the Diaspora Institute, a learning centre with an emphasis on religious training founded by Rabbi Mordecai Goldstein of Bronx, New York in 1967, on Mount Zion near the legendary tomb of King David.

The students have for several years operated a makeshift hostel at the yeshiva on the campus of the institute but the 15-bed unit is hardly adequate to meet the needs of the increasing thousands of young tourists who come to Jerusalem.

The completely new 100-bed hostel to be built on the grounds of the Diaspora Institute in the heart of the Old City, will cost an estimated $500,000 and provide for Jewish tourist, but in particular those aged 18 to 26, with very reasonable and modern accommodation and optional religious and recreational activities.

"The basic concept is to provide a Jewish place, a Jewish experience for Jewish kids," said Roy Haim Salonin, 25, Canadian representative and former student of the Diaspora Institute presently overseeing a fund-raising drive in Canada.

Typical of much of North American Jewish youth, Salonin claims little religious background before this sojourn at the institute and is familiar with the frustration felt by young Jews who come to Israel to experience "the total reality and material representation of Judaism" only to stay at Arab and Christian inns.

Although most tourists spend their holiday in Israel at a hotel, the Ministry of Tourism reports that during the year 1972-73, 80,000 North American Jews between ages 18 to 26 visited Jerusalem.

Of this figure only 15,000 sought shelter at the four Jewish hostels in New Jerusalem. The remaining 65,000 stayed at the 23 hostels and hospices operated by Arabs, various churches and missionary groups in the Old City.

All Jewish inns in the Old City, which since ancient times had been noted for its efforts to accommodate travellers, were destroyed by the Arabs in the war of 1948. Since the recovery of Jerusalem after the Six Day War in 1967 the city has been an official holy place for three religions.

The young traveller is often the target of different groups vying for his time and money, according to Salonin. There are numerous cases of conversions and drug trafficking, prostitution and gambling are commonplace in the Old City.

"Every one's pushing and pulling on visitors there," Salonin explained. "Jerusalem is a diverse community, it can often be a confusing maze."

The aim of the Mount Zion Youth Centre is to not be "hidden or coercive" but rather "open, free, and honest" in its program. Its organizers call the centre the "window to understanding the Jewish Mosaic."

The new hostel to be located in an area described as gorgeous by Salonin will feature "continuous cultural activity." This will include open air biblical studies in English, complimentary tours of the rebuilt Jewish Quarter of the Old City, weekly Jewish folk music concerts and instruction in Jerusalem's history.

Frequent guest speakers will be available for discussion on Israel and a library on Judaic studies is to be constructed.

Counselling services for youth encountering difficulties during their stay in Israel are underway, and arrangements have been made with the Canadian and American consulates to refer such young people to Mount Zion.

A network of English-speaking families outside of Jerusalem has been established to help youngsters when they leave Mount Zion. Government subsidies will enable the hostel to serve cheap but wholesome meals in the proposed dining hall. A coffee house will remain open through much of the night.

San Francisco's tourism did well during past year

SAN FRANCISCO —

San Francisco's 1974 visitor business surpassed expectations, the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau reports.

It's clear — now that the calendar year hotel-motel receipts have been tabulated — that not only did the city's convention activity increase but tourism as well.

San Francisco's hotel-motel tax revenue rose 17% last year. Its visitor traffic took a six percent jump.

A total of 2,565,000 visitors in all categories came to San Francisco in 1974, 144,000 more than in 1973.

They spent $430 million here, up $60.9 million or 16.5 percent over the previous year.

In a period of economic recession, the city's convention business was exceptionally good. San Francisco accommodated 851 meeting groups as compared to 787 in 1973. These conclaves attracted 718,871 registrants, 150,563 more than the '73 total.

Bureau President Henri Lewin attributed the vitality of the city's visitor industry to aggressive promotional programs and sales efforts.

"We did extremely well, considering that we lack the calibre of meeting and exhibit facilities available elsewhere. Once the Yerba Buena Centre is completed, San Francisco's convention business will really take off," Lewin said.

Gray is critical of Ottawa

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to be used in any way that is discriminatory.

"I don't think it is a sufficient answer to say this is not necessary because no problem has arisen as yet and if it does, it will be looked into, or that someone in the government will be offended," he said, referring to answers given on the question by Finance Minister John Turner and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen.

"I think Canadians would want our leader to be as firm as the president of the United States on the matter," he said. (President Ford has said the U.S. will not tolerate any agreement by U.S. firms to discriminate on racial or ethnic grounds in return for investment capital from Arab countries).

The former minister of consumer and corporate affairs said the problem could be partly handled by quick passage of the second part of the Foreign Investment Review Act which would regulate expansion of foreign-controlled business in Canada. Part one, controlling foreign takeovers of Canadian businesses, was passed last year.

"The willingness of Arab states to use their economic strength as a way of imposing their policies outside their borders is another important reason why we need to have the power to block attempts to have any individual or firm in Canada act in compliance with the laws or policies of another country."

Gray was also critical of Canada's abstentions on resolutions at the International Civil Aviation Organization and the UN involving Israel and the PLO.

"In my view, the explanation that was given by the external affairs minister for Canada's failure to vote in opposition to certain resolutions is not persuasive," he said, commenting on the government stand. It explained that the resolutions in question contained portions with which the government agreed and other portions with which it disagreed.

"If Canada's fundamental policy goals in the Middle East remained unchanged, then the form of the final resolution in the Middle East debate, ignoring completely the existence of Israel, as it did, should have meant to the government that this was a resolution not to be abstained on, but instead to be voted against," he declared.

"These votes of abstention were not only contrary to Canada's traditional foreign policy goals, but also contrary to the majority of Canadian domestic opinion."

Gray, However, still believes Canada's position in support of Israel has not fundamentally changed. He urged Canadian Jews to continue to speak out and state their views.

Thirteen years as executive-director of Shaarei Shomayim, Myer Dorn received a number of tributes during the over five-hour-long affair. He and his wife were presented with tickets for a trip to Israel and an Israel Bond. Gray and Dorn are both Windsor natives.

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Members of the Group of 35, which lobbies on behalf of Soviet Jewry, staged a demonstration last week in front of Ontario legislature at Queen's Park on behalf of Russian activist Vlaidmir Slepak, who is on a hunger strike.

Groups hold hunger strikes in support of Soviet activist and his family

TORONTO —

Hunger strikes and demonstrations in support of the fast being conducted in Moscow by Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak and his family are spreading to major cities in the United States and Canada.

The Toronto Group of 35, a group of Jewish women activists lobbying in support of Soviet Jewry, organized a dawn-to-dusk hunger strike last week. Women and children marched in front of the Ontario legislature at Queens Park. They conducted a silent vigil and distributed literature to passers-by.

There were also reports of sympathy hunger strikes in Cincinnati, Miami, Ceveland and New York.

Slepak, his wife Maria, and their 22-year-old son, Aleksandr, began their hunger strike April 13, the fifth anniversary of their applications for visas to emigrate to Israel.

Said Genya Intrator, who has been telephone contact with Slepak a number of time since the family began its strike: "He is the backbone of the Jewish activists in Russia. Soviet authorities are cracking down on the Aliyah movement and as a first step, the KGB are picking on the activists."

Slepak, a 48-year-old TV engineer, has waited longer than anyone else in Moscow to emigrate.

First asked to contact Slepak by a group of Miami dentists on a sympathy hunger strike, Mrs. Intrator reached a friend of the Slepaks in Moscow and asked that a message be passed to them in their home (their telephone has long been disconnected). The following day Slepak answered the phone at a friend's place and gave the following statement:

"Dear Friends: With great concern and deep gratitude, we learned that in solidarity with us and with our struggle you went on a hunger strike. Your support in these difficult times means a great deal to us. The knowledge that we are not alone, that our friends are with us, gives a new impetus to our struggle.

"Today, we don't know when the Soviet authorities will find it possible to let us out. Perhaps right after the hunger strike, perhaps in a year's time or even in five years. However, one thing is certain — we know that eventually we will go to Israel. This will also be your victory."

Bick tells of CIC plans

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

OTTAWA —

Canadian public opinion is generally uninformed or indifferent regarding the Middle East, according to Myer Bick, executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

"Contrary to the situation in the U.S., the Middle East is not a major foreign policy issue in any sense of the term," said Bick in his annual report to the fourth CIC policy conference in Ottawa.

Canada has, since the Yom Kippur War, embarked on a policy of expanding relations with the Arab world, he said. "New embassies in Saudi Arabia and Qatar are the external manifestations while numerous conferences on trade promoting the Arab world are visible domestic indicators, as are the loans to some provincial governments."

These facts, taken together with Canada's expanded policy of fostering improved relations with the Third World, particularly the African liberation movements, have given a more measured tone to official pronouncements on Middle East issues, said Bick.

In the upcoming year, the CIC hopes to establish a Canada-Israel Friendship League of prominent non-Jews, an equivalent organization in Quebec and a national council of leading Jews, who will lend their support to the work of the committee.

Bick also reported the CIC intends to explore the anti-Israel position taken by CUSO (Canadian Universities Overseas) and their funding by the Canadian governemt. CUSO adopted pro-Palestinian resolutions at their executive meetings and convention.

Continuing contact will be maintained with the government "to ensure our views have some bearing on decisions or policies in which we have special interests."

"The fundamental aspects of the Middle East conflict are unchanged. The truth and facts are our best weapons. We must educate ourselves so that we can inform others. The human resources in our community are extraordinary — we must commit them to the struggle."

Open new offices

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who want to work with CIC can, and are welcome — but they must go to CIC themselves. They can also approach any one of the three organizations that connect to the umbrella committee: The Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress, and B'nai Brith.

Some groups have already taken the initiative in providing the CIC with their volunteer services. In Toronto, the Israel Action Committees of both Beth Tzedec Congregation and Holy Blossom Temple have sought to align their programs with CIC interests.

In Montreal, the Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services has set up major media monitoring, a project which Bick expects to be a model for North America.

Meyer Bick, a lawyer, brings a low-key personal profile to his present full-time position. His intense interest is directed to "getting things done", during this crucial period in Israel's fight for survival.

He urged Jewish volunteers mobilize to join public service organizations that are becoming politicized. Every opportunity should be sought for public expression of Israel's just cause, says Bick.

Famous hospital marks centenary

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ians and Mrs. McMaster felt she had been led by the spirit of God to found the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. This she did with such energy, dedication and faith that it eventually became the largest and one of the most important child care centres in the world.

Between 1875 and 1892 due to continual overcrowding, there were moves to three successive intermediate sites for the hospital, Seaton Street, Elizabeth Street, and Jarvis Street. As well, a summer convalescent place, the Lakeside Home, was built on Toronto Island.

This last named was the achievement of a man whose brilliant enterprise and concern for the welfare of children has made the name of John Ross Robertson intertwined with the destiny and financial security of the Hospital for Sick Children forever.

Robertson who had lost a daughter with scarlet fever, was a native Torontonian who worked in the newspaper trade until 1876 when he started the **Evening Telegram** with $10,000 which he was able to borrow. The paper was an instant success due to the combination of talents this man possessed. He wrote lucidly as a reporter, hired and fired ruthlessly as a publisher, and associated socially with the right people of the Toronto establishment. Though a dictator in his business, his soft spot was his outstanding devotion to children. His lifetime resolution was to establish an adequate childrens hospital. It had to be big in size and staffed with doctors of the highest calibre so that "no child would ever be turned away," and every patient would receive the best in love and medical care.

And so through John Ross Robertson's labors, 67 College Street at Elizabeth Street, became the site of the large new hospital in 1892, and his dream became a reality. It served Toronto and indeed much of Ontario for some 60 years until in 1951, when the move took place to its present location at 555 University Avenue.

The year 1915, for our present story was a most important and eventful year in the history of the Hospital for Sick Children and for child care in Toronto. A completely new out-patient department was opened that year as part of a new wing that extended down the east side of Elizabeth Street. This among other new facilities provided a waiting room so that some mothers and children could sit, instead of standing in line on the street.

This new wing and the out-patients department entrance, is shown in the accompanying photograph. Of course the sign had to be in Yiddish to be understood by the many Jewish families who came to the Sick Childrens Hospital for treatment. And probably it was also there to attract and appeal to this immigrant group to come and make use of their facilities, for experience in Eastern Europe had instilled in these people a fear of hospitals. The second largest group of newcomers were the Italians who also lived in the downtown area and so one interesting sign inside the hospital is in both Yiddish and Italian, instructing parents to wash out the infant feeding bottles before returning them.

The years from 1900 to 1920 were years of great growth and change in the Toronto Jewish community. In 1901 there were only 3,000 Jews living in Toronto whose total population then was 208,000. By 1911 there were over 18,000 Jewish men, women and children living in the city. The increase in immigration took place just before 1911, for two reasons. The pogroms and repression of the Jews, in Russia and Poland, drove them to this side of the Atlantic. The encouragement by the Canadian government to come here and work on the railways and in other areas of needed labor, also brought some. In addition Jews came over to cut forests, and to form some Jewish farm communities on the prairies out west.

A third reason for the significant increase in Jewish population in those years was the sending by the immigrant men already here, for their wives, children and relatives. Although the economic level of these Jewish immigrants to Canada was low, it was better than conditions in Europe. In Toronto they became rag pickers, butchers, bakers, junk dealers, country peddlers selling smallwares, as well as fur and clothing factory workers.

Well over 60% of these immigrant Jewish families were living within half an hour's walking radius of the Sick Children's Hospital. By 1921 there were close to 35,000 Jews in Toronto (general population 521,893) nearly all of whom were Yiddish speaking. Besides Sick Children's, there were three other sources of medical help for the children of the growing Jewish population. These were the private physicians, the Free Jewish Dispensary and some Christian Missionary Medical Clinics.

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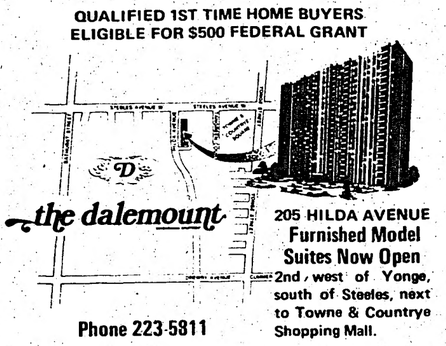

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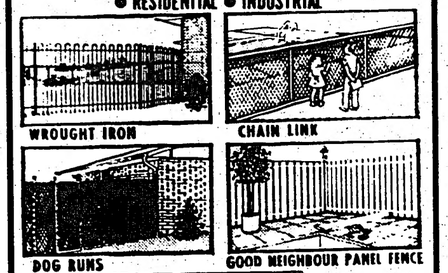

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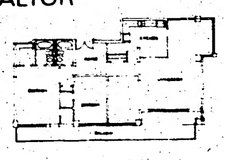

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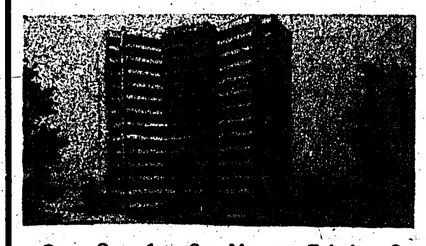
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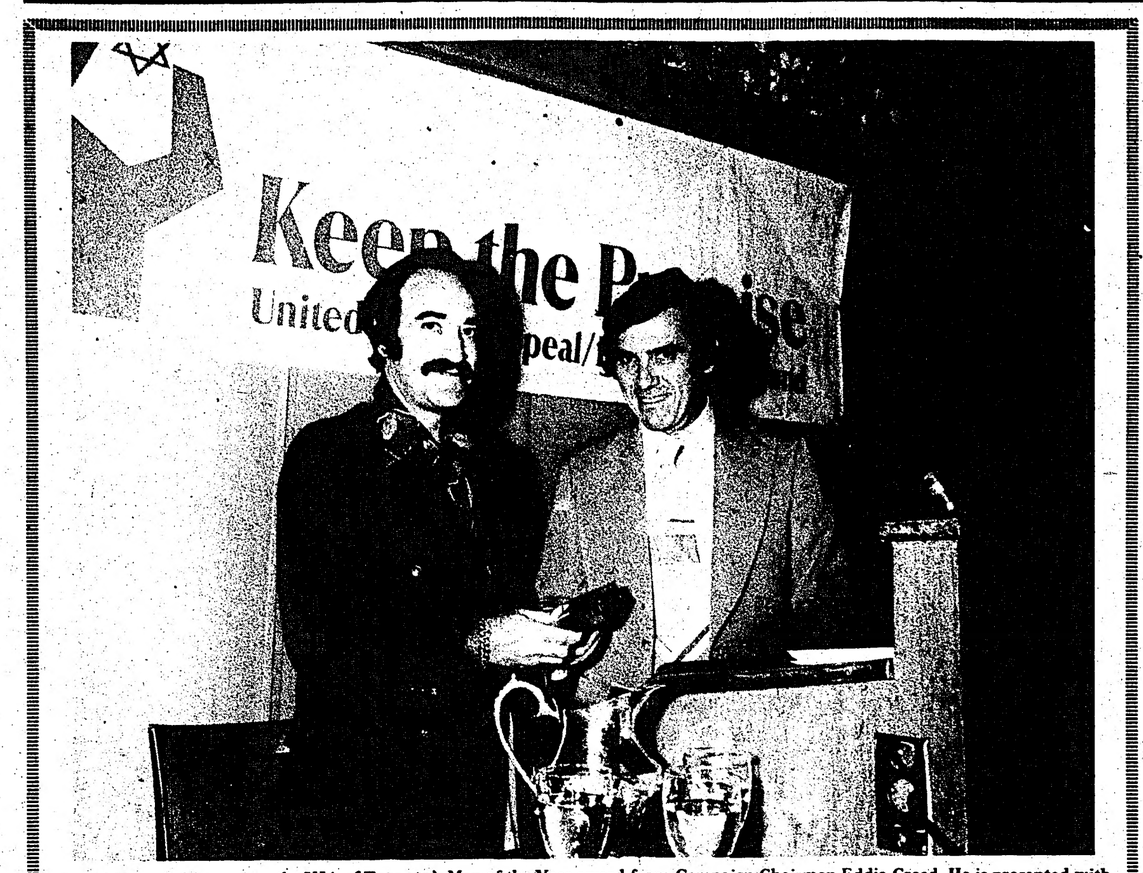

Gerald Shear (left), receives the UJA of Toronto's Man of the Year award from Campaign Chairman Eddie Creed. He is presented with the Ben–Gurion Medal. Presentation of the award took place at Campaign Appreciation Night at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Ben Chazonoff, Esther Elkin are to receive citation for their dedicated community work

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Two long-standing leaders in Jewish community work, Ben Chazonoff and Esther Elkin, who have devoted much of their lives to charitable endeavors will be awarded this year's Samuel Bronfman Medal on May 14.

This is the first year the medal has been given to two persons. Mrs. Elkin is also the only woman to win the award since its initial presentation in 1972.

Struck in 1971 in honor of the late Samuel Bronfman's 80th birthday, the medal is considered the top Jewish communal award.

The award was jointly-conceived by Canadian Jewish Congress, Allied Jewish Community Services, and United Israel Appeal and is issued on a one year basis by CJC at the national and AJCS at the local level.

"We (AJCS) felt both were deserving of extraordinary recognition for difficult service over a long time," said Gordon Brown, head of the committee that prepared the citations.

Chazonoff, 62, honorary president and treasurer of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital in Chomedey, Laval, president of the Jewish Nursing Home and Mount Sinai Hospital, and a director of the Jewish Hospital of Hope, is known as an indefatigable worker, in the area of health care, particularly for the elderly for most of his life.

"I first became involved in 1930 with Mount Sinai Hospital. It seemed like a challenge when I saw the old building and a challenge to raise funds. I just seem to have remained in that field, said Chazonoff.

"I've always had a weakness for children, the elderly and the sick. I felt their care was the greatest need in our community and still is."

Most of Chazonoff's time since his retirement from a plumbing and heating contractual business in 1960 has been spent in philanthropic activities.

Joining the board of management of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital in 1962, he was named to the building committee within one year and by the following year became chairman.

In 1964, he was nominated the hospital's Man of the Year and became the institution's best fundraiser. Chazonoff was elected president of the hospital in 1966 and has been honorary president since 1968.

Says Chazonoff, "When I see old, helpless people get a better place to sleep in, it's the greatest gratification anybody can get.

"I've been active all my life and have enjoyed every minute and if I could I'd do it all over again... As I've always said, no man should live for himself. If he has something to share, he should share it with the community."

Mrs. Elkin was a pioneer in many of the present Jewish organizations in Montreal and has had wide involvement with a large number of organizations over the years.

In 1917, she was one of the founders of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a year later was the first chairman of the women's division. Mrs. Elkin was later appointed to the board of trustees.

With a small committee she helped create the National Council of Jewish Women in Montreal.

While still a young woman, Mrs. Elkin and Mrs. Clarice De Sola formed The Welcome Club which later became the Y.W.H.A. She served for many years on the board of the 'Y' and was elected a trustee.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Hebrew Orphans Home also owes its existence in part to Mrs. Elkin who served as its secretary for several years.

In 1922 she was treasurer of the Young Hebrew Benevolent Society.

Mrs. Elkin has been associated for many years with the Red Cross, the Montreal Council of Women, and Hadassah. She was chairman of several chapters.

She is an honorary vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and is closely involved with Israel Bonds.

One of her sustaining interests has been music, and Mrs. Elkin kept in close contact with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. She is a vice-president of the Canadian Friends of Music, a member of the Pro Musica Society, and a vice-president of the Jewish Music Council of Montreal.

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FRESH FISH DEPT.
COMPLETE SELECTION KOSHER FOODS

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2 BLOCKS SOUTH OF LAWRENCE

241 WILMINGTON
IN THE BATHURST MANOR PLAZA

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